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MAURICE RAVEL

Ma mère l'Oye

Les Siècles, dir. François-Xavier Roth

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A master of orchestration

When Ravel orchestrated his works, the scoring emerged with total spontaneity, as if by magic, for he had already worked out his orchestral colours with immense care at the piano. The fascination of the Orient or the fantastic, poetic homages, the enthralling world of childhood – everything here is suffused with subtle refinement, in the use of forms inherited from the 18th century as in the choice of sonorities suited for storytelling. Who better than Les Siècles could recreate this world, as magical as that of the rarely performed *Shéhérazade* overture?



Artists

- Les Siècles
- François-Xavier Roth
Conductor

Composers

- Maurice Ravel

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MAURICE RAVEL [1875-1937]

Ma mère l'Oye

Ballet (1911-12)

- Prélude. *Très lent* (3'05)
- Premier tableau : Danse du rouet et scène. *Allegro* (1'58)
- Interlude. *Un peu moins animé* (1'15)
- Deuxième tableau : Pavane de la Belle au bois dormant. *Lent* (1'38)
- Interlude. *Plus lent* (0'50)
- Troisième tableau : Les Entretiens de la Belle et de la Bête. *Mouvement de valse modéré* (4'00)
- Interlude. *Lent* (0'40)
- Quatrième tableau : Petit Poucet. *Très modéré* (3'32)
- Interlude. *Lent* (1'20)
- Cinquième tableau : Laideronnette, impératrice des pagodes. *Mouvement de marche* (3'24)
- Interlude. *Allegro* (1'07)
- Apothéose : le jardin féerique. *Lent et grave* (3'35)

· **Shéhérazade**

Ouverture de féerie (1898) (13'13)

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Suite d'orchestre (1914-1917)

- I. Prélude. *Vif* (3'00)
- II. Forlane. *Allegretto* (5'39)
- III. Menuet. *Allegro moderato* (4'42)
- IV. Rigaudon. *Assez vif* (3'16)