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Recital

Slavic Heroes

Mariusz Kwiecień, Orchestre symphonique de la Radio Polonaise, Lukasz Borowicz

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Polish baritone Mariusz Kwiecień has won over audiences in many of the world's greatest opera houses with his powerful interpretations. For his first solo recital he employs his mellifluous and burnished voice to great effect in Polish, Russian and Czech arias which are very close to his heart. A collection of operatic gems, familiar and rare. **OPERA MAGAZINE DISC OF THE MONTH**

Artists

- Mariusz Kwiecień
Baritone
- Polish Radio Symphony
Orchestra
- Łukasz Borowicz
Conductor

Composers

- Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Sergei Rachmaninov
- Bedrich Smetana
- Stanisław Moniuszko
- Antonín Dvořák
- Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
- Aleksandr Borodin
- Karol Szymanowski

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PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY [1840-1893]

· **Yevgeniy Onegin** Op. 24 / Eugene Onegin [1879]

Vy mne pisali... Kogda by zhizn /

You wrote to me... Had I wished to be bound by domestic life (4'48)

· **Iolanta** Op. 69 [1892]

Robert's aria:

Kto mozhnet sravnitsa s Matil'daj majej/

Who can compare with my Mathilde (2'21)

SERGEI RACHMANINOV [1873-1943]

· **Aleko** TN ii/70 [1892]

Ves' tabar spit / The camp is asleep

and cavatina: *Kak nezhna priklan'as'ka mne / How tenderly she caressed (6'17)*

BEDRICH SMETANA

· **Certova stena** / The Devil's Wall JB 1:122 [1882]

Vok's aria: *Jen Jediana (4'00)*

STANISŁAW MONIUSZKO [1819-1872]

· **Halka** [1847-57]

Janusz's aria: *Pewna, jak wiatr wzdycha / As sure as the wind sighs (2'49)*

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY [1840-1893]

· **Mazeppa** [1881-3]

Mazeppa's Arioso: *O Mariya, Mariya!* (5'04)

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK [1841-1904]

· **Selma sedlák** / The Cunning Peasant B. 67 Op. 37 [1877]

Prince's aria (4'19)

STANISŁAW MONIUSZKO [1819-1872]

· **Straszny Dwór** / The Haunted Manor [1861-4]

Miecznik's aria Act 2: *Kto z mych dziewek serce której / Who of my maidens whose heart.* (3'17)

NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV [1844-1908]

· **Sadko** [1896]

Song of the Venetian guest: *Gorod kamennyi, gorodam vsem mat?* (4'43)

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY [1840-1893]

· **Yevgeniy Onegin** Op. 24 / Eugene Onegin

Uzhe! ta samaya Tatyana / Can it be the same Tatyana? (2'42)

STANISŁAW MONIUSZKO [1819-1872]

· **Verbum Nobile** / The word of a nobleman [1860]

Nakaz niech ozywczje slonko / Come, let enivigorating sun.. (1'49)

ALEKSANDR BORODIN [1833-1887]

· **Knyaz' Igor'** / Prince Igor [1890]

Ni sna, ni otdyha izmuchennaj dushe / No sleep, no rest. (7'52)

KAROL SZYMANOWSKI [1882-1937]

· **Król Roger** / King Roger Op.46 [1918-24]

Final scene, hymn to Apollo (3'56)