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Anthology

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The Curious Bards

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A disc at the intersection of the art music and traditional repertoires of Ireland and Scotland, performed by five instrumentalists trained in the Early Music departments of the prestigious conservatories of Lyon, Basel and Paris. Here are modern-day bards, passionately following a path based on primary research and giving pride of place to innovation and creation.

The harmonia#nova series is conceived to offer young artists singled out for their exceptional talents a technical, editorial and promotional showcase that lives up to the high standards of harmonia mundi's classical productions. While those standards remain identical across a very wide range of repertoires, the recording philosophy governing this series is rather different, since it is produced above all by the musicians themselves. Welcome!

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Artists

- The Curious Bards
- Ilektra Platiopoulou
Mezzo-soprano

Composers

- Anonymous
- O'Carolan

Contents

ANONYMOUS

• A Set of 3 Scottish Airs

The Lads of Elgin (reel)

The Highlandman kissed his mother (reel)

The Fyket (reel)(2'45)

• A Set of 3 Irish Airs

Sr. Ulick Burk (reel)

The Soup of Good Drink (jig)

The High Road to Dublin (jig)(4'29)

• **Rakes of Westmeath** (Irish tune with variations)(2'24)

• **Since sounding drums** (Irish Air)(3'48)

• Highland Battle

The March - They Mend their Pace - The Battle Begins

The Height of the Battle - The Preparation for a Retreat

The Chief is Killed - The Retreat - The Lamentation for the Chief (8'26)

• A Set of 3 Airs from Ireland & Scotland

Lady Herriot Hopes (reel)

Sir Adam Ferguson's reel (or Lads of Laois)

Bonny Lads (reel)(2'50)

O'CAROLAN

· **A Set of 2 Irish Airl**

John Nugent (jig)

Bumper Squire Jones (jig)(4'15)

ANONYMOUS

· **The Duel**

Rakes of Mallow (Irish tune with variations)

Reel of Tulloch (Scottish tune with variations)(5'14)

· **A Set of 3 Irish Airl**

Mary O'Neill (jig) - *The Lads of Dunse* (jig)

Port Patrick (jig)(4'46)

· **Kilkenny is a handsome place** (Irish song)(4'01)

· **A Set of 3 Airl from Ireland & Scotland**

Raddire en Ougnish - Marquis of Huntly's strathspey

Mr Jo Reid's reel (4'33)

· **King of the Blind** (4'42)

· **A Set of 3 Scottish Airl**

Miss Loraine of Kirkharles (reel)

Fight about the Fire side (reel)

Lochailis away to France (reel) (3'12)

· **Lady Anne Bothwell's lament** (Scottish song)(5'14)