DAVID SAWERFrom Morning to Midnight

From Morning to Midnight (Symphonic Suite) the greatest happiness principle *Tiroirs** ⁺ The Memory of Water*

BBC Symphony Orchestra Martyn Brabbins, conductor Birmingham Contemporary Music Group* Susanna Mälkki, conductor *

NMC D116

Release date: February 2007



This release represents an important first full-length CD of the work of the highly acclaimed young composer David Sawer. Having studied with Mauricio Kagel and been the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, Sawer has consistently responded to a string of major commissions since the 1990s.

The disc includes a specially-arranged orchestral suite taken from Sawer's opera *From Morning to Midnight* – commissioned by English National Opera and premièred at the London Coliseum in 2001 – for which he received a Laurence Olivier Award nomination for Outstanding Achievement in Opera.

Sawer will be featured in a *Music for Today* concert on London's South Bank on 26th April 2007.

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Jane Manning, soprano Jane's Minstrels Roger Montgomery, conductor

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NMC is proud to announce the release of this disc of chamber and vocal works by Anthony Payne.

Anthony Payne's name came to international prominence through his reworking of the sketches of **Elgar's Symphony No.3**, but he has long been acclaimed as a composer with a style of singular strength and consistency which is wholly his own.

Payne's vocal and choral settings reveal both the breadth of his literary knowledge and his exceptional sensitivity to language. Recorded in the composer's 70th year and supported by the RVW Trust, this disc includes two of his most recent works performed by the artists most closely associated with his output, and including his wife, soprano Jane Manning.

Anthony Payne's *Windows on Eternity* will be premiered by London Sinfonietta at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on 30 March 2007.

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Suite from award-winning opera *From Morning to Midnight* coupled with orchestral works performed by BBC SO and BCMG under Martyn Brabbins.

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NEW RELEASE

London Sinfonietta Label Charles Wuorinen

Oliver Knussen conducts two works by American composer Charles Wuorinen. *Cyclops* 2000 was recorded at the world premiere performance in the Queen Elizabeth Hall in 2001, A *Reliquary for Igor Stravinsky*, which uses fragments of Stravinsky's work left unfinished at his death, was originally released on a Stravinsky disc by DG.

'A distinct curiosity but a rewarding one, the New York composer's *Cyclops 2000* advances in 'fits and starts' (his own words) through one dynamic 25-minute movement towards a dramatic climax. Written for the London Sinfonietta, and recorded live at its world premiere in the QEH in 2001, its exuberant twists and turns are superbly negotiated under Oliver Knussen. On the orchestra's own label, the work is coupled with Wuorinen's tribute to Stravinsky, incorporating fragments written in the last months of the Russian's life' (Anthony Holden *The Observer*)

ARTISTS: London Sinfonietta

Oliver Knussen, conductor

WORKS: Cyclops 2000

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