

Newly-released CD Introduction



GREX VOCALIS / MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

- Conducted by: Carl Høgset
- Performed by: GREX VOCALIS
- Recording taken place in: A church in Oslo, in Jan., Aug. & Sept. 2004
- 2L26
- ¥2,500 (Contact for Inquiries: Tokyo Cantat Secretariat
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The conductor, Carl Høgset, is a Norwegian singer and a choral conductor. He has been invited to Tokyo Cantat as a guest conductor almost every that he has become a familiar face to many audience. This is going to be his 5th Tokyo Cantat this year.

GREX VOCALIS is a professional choir established by Carl Høgset in 1971 that has extensive repertoire from the Renaissance to the contemporary music. Amongst them, the religious music is their forte.

This CD is a collection of Christmas songs featuring the choral music of <MAGNUM MYSTERIUM>, which praises the birth of Jesus Christ.

In total of 16 tracks, the works of same text <MAGNUM MYSTERIUM> are laid out at the 2nd, 6th, 9th, 14th and 16th, written by the different composers; Morten Lauridsen (1943-), Victoria (1540-1611), Palestrina (1525-1594), Poulanc (1899-1963) and Busto (1949-).

You can totally enjoy the pure harmony with clarity that makes you feel as if you are in the church in Oslo listening to the beautiful sound. This choir is scheduled to do the Japan Tour in July this year.

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