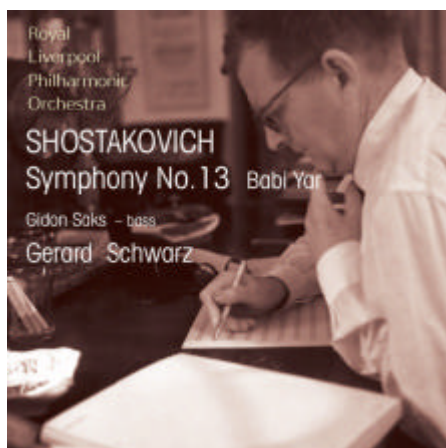




new release information



artist: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Gerard Schwarz, conductor
Gidon Saks, bass
Men's voices of the Royal Liverpool
Philharmonic Choir

title: Shostakovich *Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar"*

price: Full price

release date: October 2006

selection number: AV 2096

bar code: 822252 2096 2 4

about the release

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra continues its highly successful collaboration with Avie with its own 100th anniversary tribute to Shostakovich, a searing live recording of the composer's Thirteenth Symphony, "Babi Yar". Gerard Schwarz conducts a performance of probing intensity, painting a vivid aural picture of Soviet life under Stalin and underlining Shostakovich's trademark black humour and underlying pathos. Israeli bass Gidon Saks, who has excelled in Russian roles including Boris Godunov at Opera Ireland and English National Opera, conveys the overtly political poetry of Yevgeny Yevtushenko, adding immeasurably to the emotional impact of the music.

critical acclaim for the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra on Avie

"stunning ... the best Coates album I have come across." – *Yorkshire Post* (*London Again: Music of Eric Coates* – AV 2070)

"Simply put, this is Strauss of the first rank ... All in all a triumph." – *International Record Review* (*Strauss Alpine Symphony, Symphonia Domestica*, etc. – AV 2071)

"any recording as stylish and confident as this new one ... is welcome" – *International Record Review* (*Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 2* with Lynn Harrell – AV 2090)

summary

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's 100th anniversary tribute to Shostakovich is a live recording of Babi Yar conducted with searing intensity by conductor Gerard Schwarz

track listing

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906 - 1975)

Symphony No. 13 in B flat minor, op. 113, 'Babi Yar'

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| [1] | I Babi Yar: Adagio – Allegretto – Adagio | 16.34 |
| [2] | II Humour: Allegretto | 7.20 |
| [3] | III In the Store: Adagio | 13.31 |
| [4] | IV Fears: Largo | 12.47 |
| [5] | V A Career: Allegretto | 12.37 |
| | Total Time: | 62.51 |

also available

London Again: Music of Eric Coates (AV 2070)

Strauss Alpine Symphony, Symphonia Domestica,

Duett-Concertino, Oboe Concerto (AV 2071 – 2 CDs)

Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 2, Prokofiev Symphony-Concerto

with Lynn Harrell, cello (AV 2090)

Elgar Violin Concerto, Chausson Poème

with Philippe Graffin, violin (AV 2091)

Recorded live at Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, 17, 20 and 22 March 2003

Recording Producers: Michael Ogonovsky and David A. Pigott

Sound Engineer: David A. Pigott