



artists: Anne Akiko Meyers, violin
 Kristjan Järvi, Philharmonia Orchestra

title: Fantasia:
 Rautavaara *Fantasia*
 Szymanowski *Violin Concerto No. 1*
 Ravel *Tzigane*

price: Full price

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about the release

Superstar violinist **Anne Akiko Meyers** is one of today’s most in-demand classical performers. Beloved by audiences around the world, with a reputation for groundbreaking recital programs and important commissions, *Fantasia* marks her 35th studio album and is one of her most important projects to date.

Meyers has been *Billboard*’s Top Selling Classical Instrumentalist of the year and has had numerous albums reach the Number 1 spot on *Billboard*’s Traditional Classical Chart. Her latest album captures the rare combination of incredible virtuosity and poetic color with iconic works by Ravel, Einojuhani Rautavaara’s last major work, written for Meyers, and Karol Szymanowski’s sensuous *Violin Concerto No. 1*.

The title track, *Fantasia* is legendary Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara’s premiere posthumous recording and last major work for violin and orchestra. Ms. Meyers traveled to Finland and worked with the composer on it shortly before he died. Karol Szymanowski’s sensuous *Violin Concerto No. 1*, dedicated to Polish virtuoso violinist, Paul Kochanski, is a dazzling display of exotic melodies, and Ravel’s iconic *Tzigane* is a virtuoso showpiece that conjures Hungarian gypsy music, and premiered almost a century ago.

critical acclaim for Anne Akiko Meyers

“Anne Akiko Meyers is the coolest thing to happen to the violin since Stradivari.” – *The Denver Post*

“Anne Akiko Meyers is one of the most adventurous soloists on the international scene today.” – *Chicago Classical*

“Playing that flows from the heart” – *The New York Times*

“Vigorous mastery, unflinching technical skills and stylish elegance.” – *Los Angeles Times*

tour dates

September 9	San Juan, PR	Puerto Rico Symphony (Szymanowski <i>Violin Concerto No. 1</i>)
September 22	Rochester, NY	Symphoria opening night
September 30, October 1	Vancouver, WA	Vancouver Symphony (Ravel <i>Tzigane</i>)
November 18	Los Angeles, CA	Young Musicians Foundation (Rautavaara <i>Fantasia</i>)
January 21	Leipzig, Germany	MDR Leipzig (Rautavaara <i>Fantasia</i>)
February 10, 11	San Diego, CA	San Diego Symphony
March 24	Kalamazoo, MI	Kalamazoo Symphony
May 19, 20	Santa Barbara, CA	Santa Barbara Symphony
June 1, 2	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix Symphony
June 14, 15, 16	Orange County, CA	Pacific Symphony

summary

The exciting new release of *Fantasia* by best-selling violinist **Anne Akiko Meyers** captures the rare combination of virtuosity and poetic colour with the premiere recording of the title track, Einojuhani Rautavaara’s last masterpiece written for Meyers, Ravel’s virtuoso showpiece *Tzigane*, and Karol Szymanowski’s sensuous *Violin Concerto No. 1*.

tracklist

Einojuhani Rautavaara (1928– 2016)

1. Fantasia (13.41)

Karol Szymanowski (1882 – 1937)

Violin Concerto No. 1 (24.29)

2. I. Vivace assai – (11.35)

3. II. Vivace scherzando – (8.14)

4. III. Cadenza (Vivace) (4.39)

Maurice Ravel (1875 – 1937)

5. Tzigane (9.57)

Recorded May 8 & 9, 2016, Air Studios, London

Executive Producer: Anne Akiko Meyers

Engineering and mastering: Silas Brown

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

media targets

Classical, Strings, Mainstream

advertising

Gramophone, BBC Music Magazine – full page / back cover

Violinist.com

Strings

The Strad

digital

Apple Music / iTunes feature placement

reviews

Target Gramophone, BBC Music Magazine, The Strad, Strings, American Record Guide, ClassicsToday

airplay

Classic FM, BBC Radio 3, NPR, Sirius XM, WQXR (New York), KDFC (San Francisco), WFMT (Chicago), WCBR (Boston), WRTI (Philadelphia) and others

key territories

USA, UK

listening link

<https://soundcloud.com/usicompanyinternationaltd...> (tba)

lead / instant grat tracks

social media

Anne Akiko Meyers: Facebook – 144,385; Twitter – 6,770; Instagram – 7,784; YouTube – 11,155

AVIE Records: Facebook – 900; Twitter – 1,420

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