



## ELEGANCE

### Simon Phipps Vocal Ensemble

*Benjamin Britten: Sacred and Profane*

*Conductor: Simon Phipps*

**Footprint Records FRCD 006**

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### A British Style Choir from Gothenburg

Simon Phipps Vocal ensemble is regarded one of the foremost choirs in the city and region of Gothenburg, which offers immense competition in choral singing. The ensemble was formed in 1997 and its agenda was to perform music from a repertoire as wide and varied as possible.

### First CD dedicated to Britten

In its first CD-release, the Simon Phipps Vocal ensemble performs music written entirely by the greatest English 20:th century composer, Benjamin Britten. This is a tribute to the composer whose music influenced Simon Phipps already at an early age; his father was Britten's agent.

### What's on this CD?

Britten's immensely rich and varied choral production is reflected on this CD that spans from beauty to drama. The CD contains some of the composer's most acknowledged compositions like *A Hymn to the Virgin*, *Five Flower Songs* and *Hymn to Saint Cecilia*, as well as the great suit *Sacred and Profane* with its vibrating vocals and racy medieval lyrics. It also contains the vocally challenging suit *Choral Dances* from the opera *Gloriana*. Enjoy Britten's music performed by Simon Phipps' excellent Vocal ensemble on this edition of Benjamin Britten's choral music.

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