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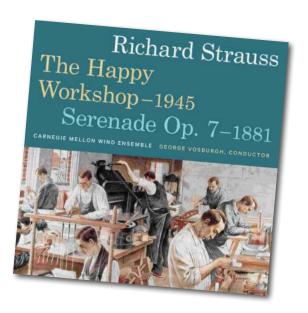
Richard Strauss The Happy Workshop-1945

Serenade Op. 7–1881

CARNEGIE MELLON WIND ENSEMBLE GEORGE VOSBURGH, CONDUCTOR

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Unusual and underperformed repertoire has long been a hallmark of the ensemble's programming. This album exemplifies that, with the pairing of Strauss' 1945 Symphony for Winds in E-flat Major (The Happy Workshop) and his 1881 Serenade for Winds in E-flat Major, Op. 7. Notes writer Amanda Vosburgh states: "Taken together, the *Serenade* Op. 7 and *The Happy Workshop* form the bookends to a long and diverse body of work, marked by innovative chromaticism and complexity, but tethered at either end to the classical tradition."

Conductor George Vosburgh has enjoyed a long and multi-faceted international career as a soloist, orchestral musician, teacher, and conductor. He holds a GRAMMY® for his 1985 Reference Recordings release of L'Histoire du Soldat with Chicago Pro Musica, and is a laureate of the ARD Music Competition in Munich. From 1992–2017, he held the Martha Brooks Robinson Principal Trumpet Chair in the Pittsburgh Symphony. He appears on numerous RR albums with Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He has taught at Carnegie Mellon University since 1992 and has been Director of the Carnegie Mellon Wind Ensemble since 2011.

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Happy Workshop Op. posth.

- 1. Allegro con brio 15:04
- 2. Andantino, sehr gemächlich 4:46
- 3. Menuet, etwas lebhaft 4:37
- 4. Enlietung, (Andante) und Allegro 16:25

Serenade Op. 7

5. Andante 9:32

Total 50:33

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