



## VIERNE THE COMPLETE ORGAN SYMPHONIES

Eric Plutz, organist

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### RELEASE INFO:

Louis Vierne inhabits a unique place in the development of the Organ Symphony. Following in the footsteps of his teacher, Charles-Marie Widor, Vierne brought the organ symphony to its pinnacle with his six symphonies, written between 1895 and 1930. Symphonic in style, structure, and form, rather than forces, these solo organ works are exquisite composition examples of the last great late French Romantic organ composer. As the

thirty-one movements of these symphonies offer a staggering variety of character, from majestic to whimsical, and from deep despair to unbridled joy; the venues offer an equally broad variety of organs and acoustics. Concert Organist Eric Plutz performs the Complete Organ Symphonies of Louis Vierne superbly and spectacularly on six separate organs around the United States from New York to Texas. This album is the culmination of "The

Vierne Project," a series of performances of the complete Vierne organ symphonies in celebration of the composer's 150th birthday in 2020. The University Organist at Princeton University, Eric Plutz is one of only a handful of organists to embark on such a venture. As an organ concert soloist, he has performed on distinguished and historic instruments across the United States and abroad including in Germany, Austria, and France.

### TRACK LISTING:

#### DISC 1

##### Première Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 14

1. Prélude 9:30
2. Fugue 5:36
3. Pastorale 7:40
4. Allegro vivace 4:45
5. Andante 7:12
6. Final 7:24

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York, NY  
Mander Organ (1993), IV/91, Recorded 9/21/2020

##### Deuxième Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 20

7. Allegro 8:27
8. Choral 8:25
9. Scherzo 4:18
10. Cantabile 7:50
11. Final 8:44

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA  
Rieger Organ (2005), III/59, Recorded 4/10/2021

#### DISC 2

##### Troisième Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 28

1. Allegro maëstoso 7:16
2. Cantilène 6:01
3. Intermezzo 4:08
4. Adagio 9:18
5. Final 6:35

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington, DC  
Lively-Fulcher Organ (2019), IV/68, Recorded 9/24/2019

##### Cinquième Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 47

6. Grave 10:02
7. Allegro molto marcato 8:55
8. Tempo di Scherzo ma non troppo vivo 4:48
9. Larghetto 12:06
10. Final: Allegro moderato 10:49

Rice University, Houston, TX  
Fisk/Rosales Organ (1997), III/84, Recorded 9/27/2021

#### DISC 3

##### Quatrième Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 32

1. Prélude 8:24
2. Allegro 6:17
3. Menuet 8:22
4. Romance 9:33
5. Final 7:16

Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX  
Casavant Organ (1996), V/191, Recorded 9/29/2021

##### Sixième Symphonie pour orgue, Op. 59

6. Introduction et Allegro 9:44
7. Aria 7:13
8. Scherzo 4:53
9. Adagio 9:29
10. Final 8:31

St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, LA  
Aeolian-Skinner Organ (1955), IV/103, Recorded 10/12/2020