Godowsky's incomparable but never flamboyant keyboard mastery, coupled with his love of polyphony, resulted in a style of composition that is extraordinarily testing for the pianist, but never musically ostentatious. The centrepiece of this recital, the fifth volume in the Marco Polo edition of Godowsky's piano music, is his Sonata, a work of greatly varying moods that lasts over fifty minutes. This major work is balanced by four works typical of Godowsky's lighter compositions for the piano. Together they possess a

| delicacy that belies his reputation as a barnstorming virtuoso. | |
|---|-------|
| Leopold GODOWSKY (1870-1938) | |
| Sonata in E minor | 53:59 |
| 1 Allegro ma non troppo, ma appassionato | 19:29 |
| 2 Andante cantabile | 7:12 |
| 3 Allegretto vivace e scherzando | 5:25 |
| 4 Allegretto grazioso e dolce | 5:02 |
| 5 Retrospect: Lento molto | 16:51 |
| 6 Menuet No. 1 (Dedicated to Oscar J Saxe) | 4:24 |
| 7 Au Jardin des Fleurs | 4:49 |
| 8 Twilight Thoughts No. 2 | 5:26 |
| 9 Sérénade | 2:51 |

Konstantin Scherbakov

Recorded at Potton Hall, Suffolk, England from 21st - 26th January 2001 (Tracks 1-5) and 13th February 2001 (Tracks 6-9) Producer: Andrew Walton • Sound Engineer: Eleanor Thomason • Editor: Dawn Hughes / Andrew Walton (K&A Productions)

Cover Picture: Trishallen Glen, 2001 by David Ptolomey (by kind permission)

DDD 8.223899 **Playing Time** 71:30

MARCO

IARCO POLO

Piano

Music

Volume

www.naxos.com

Music notes in English • Kommentar auf Deutsch 2001 HNH International Ltd