



# Lights Out

EVAN GARDNER: Four Miniatures for Orchestra · JAN ERIK MIKALSEN: Ghouls and Moons · JØRGEN KARLSTRØM: Tristanfilter II · ØRJAN MATRE: Lights Out

**Norwegian Radio Orchestra · Rolf Gupta, conductor**

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## The debut recording from four composers in their twenties – abounding and lustrous orchestral writing.

These are four fresh and challenging pieces of music. One can hear certain similarities between the four composers' treatment of the orchestra; a fragmented restlessness, perhaps, and an underlying dark friction in the harmonic sphere. There is a modern impetuosity and an ambiguous complexity shining through these works that we experience as something new.

Each of the four are involved in many interesting projects these days. Mikalsen is writing for Thomas Bloch and the Reykjavik Chamber Orchestra. Karlstrøm works for the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, whereas Matre is composer in residence with Kristiansand Symphony Orchestra. Gardner was among the finalists of Gaudeamus International Music Week 2006 and had a piece performed by the Netherlands Radio Orchestra.

## Rolf Gupta and the Norwegian Radio Orchestra

Chief Conductor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra for three years, Rolf Gupta led the orchestra through some very exiting projects, including a TV reality-documentary about the life of this particular orchestra in a financially difficult but artistically successful period. Introducing and working with the Lights Out project is a natural continuance of Gupta's work with established composers like Nørgård, Berio, Lindberg, Benjamin, Rautavaara, Francesconi and Maxwell-Davies. With enthusiastic support from Hans Werner Henze, Gupta has conducted the Sharoun Ensemble of the Berlin Philharmonic in a concert celebrating the composer's 75th birthday, in addition to the 7th and 9th symphonies with Rundfunk Sinfonie Orchester Berlin, BerlinerRundfunkchor, Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Russian National Orchestra and Westdeutscher Rundfunk Sinfonie Orchester respectively.

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