

**“A music that touches all things without ceasing to touch God”**



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Olivier Messiaen's two-and-a-half-hour piano cycle *Vingt Regards sur l'enfant-Jésus* is one of the most extraordinary and ground-breaking works in twentieth-century piano repertoire, joining such musical Mount Everests as Bach's Goldberg Variations and the late Sonatas of Beethoven. That such a work was created in 1944 during the German occupation of France, and yet expresses such joy, conviction, love, and hope makes it all the more remarkable.

At more than two hours in length, the work is rarely performed in full. It takes a special kind of performer who has the physical and emotional stamina and focus to undertake such a task for it places immense technical and musical demands on the pianist. One such musician is Kristoffer Hyldig.

KRISTOFFER HYLDIG is one of Denmark's leading pianists, recognized for his musicality and highly personal, sensitive approach. Known for his versatility, he is in demand as a soloist, as well as chamber musician and lied accompanist, and his concerts are often broadcasted on Danish Radio. He is a founding member of Messiaen Quartet Copenhagen, where his work comprises artistic programming as well as closely working with composers, commissioning, and premiering pieces.

Recorded in Vor Frelser's Church, Copenhagen during one of the most severe periods during the lock down by producer, recording & balance engineer extraordinaire, Preben Iwan. The album is recorded in the immersive DXD format.

Live YouTube video of the whole piece: <https://youtu.be/eXuiPo9P6No>

Live YouTube video of Vingt Regards XIV. Regard des Anges (Gaze of the angels) <https://youtu.be/H0MVslQONiU>

Live YouTube Video of Vingt Regards XV. Le baiser de l'Enfant-Jésus (The Kiss of the Child Jesus) <https://youtu.be/00dKnAgL7Ik>

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<b>I</b>	REGARD DU PÈRE .....	8:37
<b>II</b>	REGARD DE L'ÉTOILE .....	3:24
<b>III</b>	L'ÉCHANGE .....	3:55
<b>IV</b>	REGARD DE LA VIERGE.....	6:02
<b>V</b>	REGARD DU FILS SUR LE FILS.....	7:52
<b>VI</b>	PAR LUI TOUT A ÉTÉ FAIT .....	11:42
<b>VII</b>	REGARD DE LA CROIX .....	4:54
<b>VIII</b>	REGARD DES HAUTEURS.....	2:37
<b>IX</b>	REGARD DU TEMPS.....	2:54
<b>X</b>	REGARD DE L'ESPRIT DE JOIE.....	9:25
Total:		61:29

**DISC 2**

<b>XI</b>	PREMIÈRE COMMUNION DE LA VIERGE .....	8:26
<b>XII</b>	LA PAROLE TOUTE-PUISSANTE.....	2:29
<b>XIII</b>	NOËL.....	4:25
<b>XIV</b>	REGARD DES ANGES.....	5:02
<b>XV</b>	LE BAISER DE L'ENFANT-JÉSUS .....	12:24
<b>XVI</b>	REGARD DES PROPHÈTES, DES BERGERS ET DES MAGES .....	3:25
<b>XVII</b>	REGARD DU SILENCE.....	6:28
<b>XVIII</b>	REGARD DE L'ONCTION TERRIBLE ..	7:01
<b>XIX</b>	JE DORS, MAIS MON CŒUR VEILLE..	11:31
<b>XX</b>	REGARD DE L'ÉGLISE D'AMOUR .....	15:24
Total:		76:42