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DVD: **MARIN** - AN ANIMATED FANTASY & **AXEL** - A PORTRAIT FILM

SACD: **Marin. Op. 60** Danish National Symphony Orchestra/Thomas Søndergård · **Selected Highlights**

The Danish composer Axel Borup-Jørgensen (1924-2012)

One of the 20th century's great Scandinavian "silent individualists"



Borup-Jørgensen's music exists on the margins of silence, punctuated with searing dramatic eruptions, all of which can be heard in his orchestral masterpiece *Marin* (1970). Borup-Jørgensen's massive 'sea symphony' exists in its own unique world of sound - sometimes in as many as 55 separate voices - as is one of the most challenging and meticulously detailed orchestral textures every set to paper.

Such visceral music demands visual expression and as part of this very special DVD/SACD release, Lückow Film, and an international team of animators directed by Morten Bartholdy bring Borup-Jørgensen's musical world to life.

Also included is the new film *AXEL* - a portrait of both the composer, and of mid-century Danish modernism featuring interviews with other composers, colleagues and friends, as well as excerpts from recent live performances of the music by Axel Borup-Jørgensen.

As Borup-Jørgensen himself once said: 'To compose is not to do what one can; if anything good is to come out of it, one must surpass oneself' - all of the contributors to this special DVD/SACD release of *Marin* have surpassed every expectation and limitation!

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Born in Denmark and raised in Sweden, he was largely self-taught as a composer, emerging on the international spotlight in 1965 when his *Nordic Summer Pastoral* won first prize in the competition for a short orchestral work held by Danmarks Radio. While the avant-garde of the sixties exerted a strong influence on Borup-Jørgensen's sound world, he always followed his own intuition and obeyed his extraordinary sense of organizing sound combined with a passionate, almost mystical regard for nature.



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