

JOHN CAGE SIXTEEN DANCES [1012]

BOSTON MODERN ORCHESTRA PROJECT

GIL ROSE, CONDUCTOR

John Cage: Sixteen Dances highlights one of the most significant and influential American composers of the 20th Century. A long-time collaborator with dancer and choreographer Merce Cunningham, John Cage wrote a number of works which reflected their radical ideas regarding the relationship between dance and music. *Sixteen Dances* is one such work, developed through the use of chance operations, a compositional process involving methods such as coin tossing and the *I Ching* or *Book of Changes*. This recording offers a brilliant performance by BMOP under Gil Rose's direction; it is yet another outstanding addition to the BMOP/sound catalog and to the recorded works of John Cage.



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