

DOMINICK ARGENTO JONAH AND THE WHALE [1015]

Providence Singers
Thomas Oakes, narrator
Daniel Norman, tenor
Daniel Cole, bass

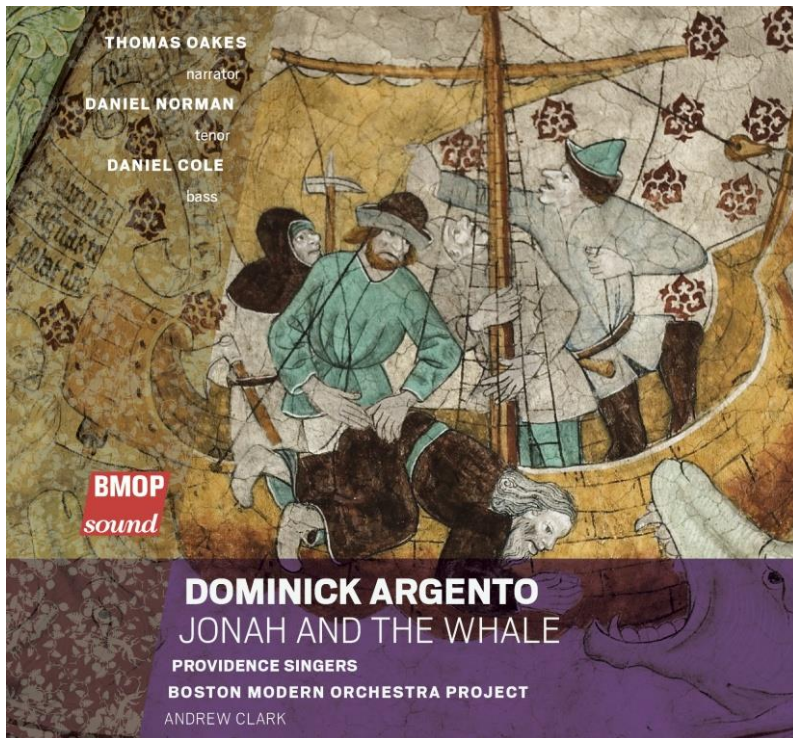
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Andrew Clark leads the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the Providence Singers in BMOP/sound's release of *Jonah and the Whale*. Dominick Argento took inspiration from a 15th-century painting by Albertus Pictor on the ceiling of a church in Sweden and the 14th-century poem *Patience, or Jonah and the Whale*—a mixture of texts and musical motifs that resulted in Argento's first full-length oratorio for chorus and orchestra. Thomas Oakes narrates the story of Jonah (Daniel Norman, tenor) with the Voice of God (Daniel Cole, bass) in this legendary tale.



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“As for high points, there is a beautiful setting of *De Profundis* that closes Part 1, and a Kyrie from an early Mass by Argento written for his father, its *Christe* sung radiantly by soprano Amanda Forsythe. There is some fine music here.”

FANFARE

“Argento fashions a full-scale orchestral contribution from these nine players, which not once strikes one as thin, insufficient, or monotonous.”

GRAMOPHONE

“The performance, led with fine sense of balance and pacing by Andrew Clark, is a coup for the Boston ensemble, whose players are vivid and subtle as they negotiate the contrasting sonorities in Argento's score.”

OPERA NEWS

“Andrew Clark shows great proficiency conducting the Providence Singers and nine virtuoso musicians from the Boston Modern Orchestra Project.”