

HAROLD SHAPERO ORCHESTRAL WORKS [1072]
SINFONIA IN C MINOR | CREDO FOR ORCHESTRA
PARTITA IN C | ON GREEN MOUNTAIN
SERENADE IN D FOR STRING ORCHESTRA
Vivian Choi, piano

BOSTON MODERN ORCHESTRA PROJECT
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Born in Lynn, MA, in 1920, composer Harold Shapero was one of a number of young composers from Boston who formed the vanguard of American Neo-Classicism. This disc collects five of his works for large ensemble composed between 1945 and 1960, and continues BMOP/sound's mission of preserving the masterworks of the 20th century. *Sinfonia in C Minor* opens the CD, originally written as an overture entitled *The Travelers* for the Houston Symphony. *Credo for Orchestra* was a Louisville Orchestra commission. Pianist Vivian Choi joins BMOP again on *Partita in C*. *On Green Mountain*, for jazz ensemble, premiered alongside third stream works by composers such as Gunther Schuller and Milton Babbitt at the 1957 Brandeis Festival of the Arts. The earliest work on this disc, *Serenade in D for String Orchestra* is an ambitious work in scope and length for the young composer.



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