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Elisabetta Brusa is one of a growing number of modern composers who have elected to write music in a tonal style that communicates with the public, while avoiding some of the cliches that so often lie in wait. Her idiom is always fresh and and her music covers a wide range of expression. The Suite Grotesque is often edgy, invoking a nightmarish world. At the other extreme, it conjures up a hushed, reverential world with quietly moving orchestral textures in 'Requiescat', the best piece in the collection, that ends with a solo voice not mentioned in the composer's notes on the work. The 'Adagio' is Mahlerian, as the composer admits, but there are similarities too with the sound-world of the Latvian composer Peteris Vask's 'Musica Dolorosa', another great late twentieth century work.

The CD opens with the most attractive work, 'Firelights', with its shimmering textures and use of a variety of orchestral colours; her skill as an orchestrator is shown further in the 'Favola', in which the ant, the nightingale, the wolf and other animals in the fables of Aesop, Anderson etc and others are graphically depicted. The transformation of the ugly duckling into a swan, flying up into the heavens, is a magical moment, and the fables are rounded off by the humour of Puss in Boots' attempts to upstage the solemnity of the royal court.

This is music that ought to be better known, and Naxos have done us a favour in making it available. The quality of the playing by the Ukrainian forces is better than in the first Volume (also worth investigating, by the way), and detailed notes by the composer herself have been provided.

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