

BRITISH AND COMMONWEALTH SYMPHONIES FROM THE NINETEENTH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT

A Discography of CDs and LPs
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Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Born in Broadheath, Worcestershire, Elgar was the son of a music shop owner and received only private musical instruction. Despite this he is arguably England's greatest composer some of whose orchestral music has traveled around the world more than any of his compatriots. In addition to the Symphonies, his Cello and Violin Concertos and Enigma Variations are his other orchestral masterpieces. His many other works for orchestra including the Pomp and Circumstance Marches, Falstaff and Cockaigne Overture have been recorded numerous times. He was appointed Master of the King's Musick in 1924.

Symphonies Nos. 1 – 3

Sir Colin Davis/London Symphony Orchestra
LSO LIVE LSO 72 (3 CDs) (2005)

Symphony No.1 in A flat major Op.55 (1908)

Vladimir Ashkenazy/Sydney Symphony Orchestra
EXTON EXCL-00027 (2009)

Sir John Barbirolli/Philharmonia Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 2, In the South Overture and Serenade for Strings)
EMI BRITISH COMPOSERS 968924-2 (2 CDs) (2009)
(original LP release: HMV ASD 540) (1963)

Sir John Barbirolli /Hallé Orchestra (rec. 1970)
(+ Introduction and Allegro)
BBC LEGENDS 4106 (2002)

Sir John Barbirolli /Hallé Orchestra
(+ Enigma Variations, Introduction and Allegro, Elegy for Strings and Bavarian Dances)
DUTTON CDSJB 1017 (2 CDs) (2000)
(original LP release: PYE CCL 30102/3) (1957)

Daniel Barenboim/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Cockaigne Overture and Romance {Martin Gatt – bassoon})
SONY ESSENTIAL CLASSICS SBK 53510 (1994)
(original LP release: CBS 76247) (1974)

Daniel Barenboim/Staatskapelle Berlin
DECCA 4789353 (2016)

Sir Adrian Boult/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1976)
(+ Brahms: Symphony No. 3)
ICA CLASSICS LEGACY ICAC5063 (2012)
(original release: CARLTON BBC RADIO CLASSICS DMCD98 {2 CDs}) (1995)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra (rec. 1949)
(+ In the South Overture)
TESTAMENT 1229 (2001)
(original LP release: HMV ALP 1052) (1953)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 2. Introduction and Allegro, Serenade for Strings, Grania and Diarmid and In the South Overture)
EMI BRITISH COMPOSERS 382 1512 (2 CDs) (2007)
(original LP release: HMV ASD 3330) (1977)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 2)
LYRITA SRCD221 (2 CDs) (2007)
(original LP release: LYRITA SRCS39) (1968)

Martyn Brabbins/Flemish Radio Orchestra
(+ The Kingdom: Prelude)
GLOSSA GCDSA 922204 (2007)

Julian Clayton/Chetham's Symphony Orchestra
OLYMPIC OCD 278 (1995)

Sir Andrew Davis/BBC Symphony Orchestra
(+ Elegy for Strings and Sospiri)
APEX 0927490212 (2003)
(original CD release: TELDEC 9031-73278-2) (1993)

Sir Andrew Davis/The Philharmonia
(+ Symphony No. 2 and Froissart Overture)
SIGNUM SIGCD179 (2 CDs) (2010)

Sir Colin Davis/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1985)
(+ Introduction and Allegro and Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1)
RCA CD 74321 24217-2 (1996)

Sir Colin Davis/London Symphony Orchestra
(+ Coronation March and Imperial Maarch)
ALTO ALC1407 (2019)
(original CD release: LSO LIVE LSO 0018) (2002)

Sir Colin Davis/Dresden Staatskapelle
(+ Hector Berlioz: King Lear and Beatrice and Benedict Overtures)
HÄNSSLER PROFIL 5040 (2006)

Mark Elder/Hallé Orchestra
(+ In the South Overture and song: "In the Moonlight")
HALLÉ 7500 (2003)

Sir Edward Elgar/London Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1930)
(+ Falstaff)
EMI 567297-2 (2000)
(original LP release: WORLD RECORD CLUB 139) (1970)

Edward Gardner/BBC Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Introduction and Allegro)
 CHANDOS CHSA5181 (2017)

Sir Alexander Gibson/Scottish National Orchestra
 RCA RED SEAL LRL1-5130. (LP) (1976)

Bernard Haitink/Philharmonia Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2 and Pomp and Circumstance March No. 5)
 EMI FORTE 5697612 (2 CDs) (1997)
 (original LP release: HMV ASD 107794-1) (1984)

Vernon Handley/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 – 5)
 CLASSICS FOR PLEASURE CFP 75305 (1988)
 (original LP release: CLASSICS FOR PLEASURE CFP 40331) (1980)

Vernon Handley/London Philharmonic Orchestra (rec. 1984)
 (+ Sea Pictures)
 LPO LPO 0046 (2010)

Sir Bernard Heinze/Sydney Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Sospiri and Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 3)
 ABC CLASSICS 476 4325 (2011)
 (original release: ABC A07002-A07003 {2 non-commercial LPs} (c.1974)

Richard Hickox/ BBC National Orchestra of Wales
 (+ Organ Sonata, Op. 28 {transcribed by Gordon Jacob})
 CHANDOS CHSA5049 (2007)

George Hurst/BBC Philharmonic
 (+ Imperial March)
 NAXOS 8.550634 (1994)

James Judd/Hallé Orchestra
 (+ Introduction and Allegro, Serenade for Strings + works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin
 Britten, Cecil Armstrong Gibbs, John Rutter, William Byrd and Henry Purcell)
 CARLTON CLASSICS 6702799 (3 CDs) (1999)
 (original CD release: CARLTON CLASSICS PCD 950) (1992)

James Loughran/Hallé Orchestra
 (+ Cockaigne Overture)
 ASV QUICKSILVA QS 6082 (1993)
 (original LP release: ASV ALHB 201) (1981)

Sir Charles Mackerras/London Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Sea Pictures {Della Jones - mezzo} and Cockaigne Overture)
 DECCA ELOQUENCE 442 8277 (2 CDs) (2008)
 (original CD release: ARGO 430 835-2) (1991)

Sir Neville Marriner/Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
 (+ In the South Overture)

RETROSPECTIVE REVIVAL RETR0007 (2011)
 (original release: COLLINS CLASSICS 1269-2) (1991)

Sir Yehudi Menuhin/Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 – 5, Empire March, Coronation March
 and Imperial March)
 VIRGIN CLASSICS VERITAS CUV 561276-2 (2 CDs) (1998)
 (original CD release: VIRGIN CLASSICS VC 7 90773-2) (1989)

Roger Norrington/Southwest German Radio Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Richard Wagner: Prelude to Act I of Die Meistersinger)
 HÄNSSLER CLASSIC 93000 (2000)

Sakari Oramo/Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Cockaigne Overture)
 BIS SACD-1939 (2014)

Tadaaki Otaka/BBC National Orchestra of Wales
 (+ Introduction and Allegro)
 BIS CD-727 (1995)

Tadaaki Otaka/Sapporo Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Serenade for Strings)
 FONTEC FOCD9579 (2013)

Tadaaki Otaka/NHK Symphony Orchestra (rec. 199)
 (+ Symphonies Nos. 2 and 3, Introduction and Allegro, Froissart, Pomp and Circumstance No. 1)
 KING INTERNATIONAL KKC2112 (3 CDs) (2017)

Tadaaki Otaka/Osaka Philharmonic Orchestra
 EXTON 4538182838624 (2019)

Antonio Pappano/Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
 (+ In The South, Overture)
 ICA CLASSICS ICAC5138 (2016)

Vasily Petrenko/ Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Cockaigne Overture)
 ONYX ONYX4145 (2015)

André Previn/Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Cockaigne Overture and Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 – 5)
 PHILIPS DUO 454250 (2 CDs) (1996)
 (original CD release: PHILIPS 612-2PH) (1987)

Sir John Pritchard/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1983)
 (+ In the South Overture)
 CARLTON BBC RADIO CLASSICS BBCRD 9121 (1996)

Constantin Silvestri/Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1968)
 (+ Cockaigne Overture + works by Arnold, Britten, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Enescu)
 BBC LEGENDS 4182 (2 CDs) (2006)

Giuseppe Sinopoli/Philharmonia Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, In the South Overture and Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4)
 DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 4531032 (2 CDs) (1997)
 (original CD release: DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 4316 632) (1992)

Leonard Slatkin/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Violin Concerto {Pinchas Zuckerman - violin}, Cello Concerto {Janos Starker - cello}, Enigma Variations, In the South Overture, Cockaigne Overture, Froissart Overture, Salut d'Amour)
 RCA RED SEAL 60389 (4 CDs) (2004)
 (original CD release : RCA CD RD60380) (1991)

Sir Georg Solti/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ In the South Overture)
 DECCA VIRTUOSO 4785158 (2013)
 (original LP release): DECCA SXL6569) (1972)

Stephen Somary/Thüringen Philharmonie (Suhl)
 (+ Cockaigne Overture)
 CLAVES CD 50-9813 (1996)

Jeffrey Tate/London Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Cockaigne Overture and Sospiri)
 EMI GEMINI 5855122 (2 CDs) (2003)
 (original CD release: EMI CDC7 54414-2) (1993)

Jeffrey Tate/Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture)
 ABC CLASSICS 476 8365 (2005)

Bryden Thomson/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, The Sanguine Fan and Froissart Overture)
 CHANDOS CHAN 241-21 (2 CDs) (2005)
 (original CD release: CHANDOS CHAN 8451) (1986)

Bramwell Tovey/National Youth Orchestra of Scotland
 (+ Thea Musgrave: Horn Concerto {Michael Thompson – horn})
 NATIONAL YOUTH ORCH OF SCOTLAND CD NYOS004 (1997)

Edo de Waart/Royal Flemish Philharmonic
 (+ The Dream of Gerontius)
 PENTATONE PTC 5186472 (2 CDs) (2013)

Joseph Wolfe/Hyog/Performing Arts Center Orchestra
 (+ Violin Concerto)
 LIVENOTES WWCC7846 (2 CDs) (2017)

David Zinman/Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 2)
 TELARC CD80310 (1992)

Symphony No. 2 in E flat major, Op.63 (1910)

Vladimir Ashkenazy/Sydney Symphony Orchestra
EXTON EXCL-00028 (2009)

Sir John Barbirolli/Hallé Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1, In the South Overture and Serenade for Strings)
EMI BRITISH COMPOSERS 968924-2 (2 CDs) (2009)
(original LP release: HMV ASD 610/611 {2 LPs}) (1964)

Sir John Barbirolli/Hallé Orchestra (rec. 1954)
(+ Cockaigne Overture and Dream Children {1 only})
EMI BRITISH COMPOSERS CDM 566399-2 (1997)
(original LP release: HMV ALP 1242) (1957)

Sir John Barbirolli/Boston Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1964)
(+ Vaughan Williams: Symphony No. 6 and Delius: Walk to the Paradise Garden and Purcell: A New Suite)
MUSIC and ARTS CD-251 (2 CDs) (1984)

Daniel Barenboim/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1, Cockaigne Overture, Serenade for Strings, Elegy for Strings and Romance {Martin Gatt - bassoon})
SONY ESSENTIALS SB2K89976 (2 CDs)
(original LP release: CBS 73094) (1973)

Daniel Barenboim/Staatskapelle Berlin
DECCA 4786677 (2014)

Sir Adrian Boult/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1944)
(+ Dream of Gerontius: Prelude and Sospiri)
BEULAH 3PD15 (2005)
(original LP release: HMV TREASURY ED 29 0355-1) (1985)

Sir Adrian Boult/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1977)
(+ Wagner: Tannhäuser - Overture & Venusberg Music)
ICA CLASSICS ICAC 5106 (2013)

Sir Adrian Boult/Scottish National Orchestra
WAVERLEY SLLP 1022 (LP) (1963)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Falstaff, Cockaigne Overture, Walton: Symphony No. 1, Britten: Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Peter Grimes-4 Sea Interludes and Passacaglia, Matinées Musicales and Soireés Musicales)
FIRST HAND RECORDS FHR06 (3 CDs) (2010)
(original LP release: NIXA NCL16018/WESTMINSTER XWN 18373) (1957)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No.1. Introduction and Allegro, Serenade for Strings, Grania and Diarmid and In the South Overture)
EMI BRITISH COMPOSERS 382 1512 (2 CDs) (2007)
(original LP release: HMV ASD 3266) (1976)

Sir Adrian Boult/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1)

LYRITA SRCD221 (2 CDs) (2007)
(original LP release: LYRITA SRCS40) (1968)

Sir Andrew Davis/BBC Symphony Orchestra
(+ In the South Overture)
APEX 0927495862 (2003)
(original CD release: TELDEC 9031-74888-2) (1992)

Sir Andrew Davis/The Philharmonia
(+ Symphony No. 1 and Froissart Overture)
SIGNUM SIGCD179 (2 CDs) (2010)

Sir Colin Davis/London Symphony Orchestra
LSO LIVE LSO 0018 (2002)

Sir Edward Downes/BBC Philharmonic Orchestra
NAXOS 8 550635 (1994)

Mark Elder/Hallé Orchestra
(+ Introduction and Allegro)
HALLÉ CDHLL 7507 (2004)

Sir Edward Elgar/Royal Albert Hall Orchestra (rec. 1925)
(+ Violin Concerto {abridged - Marie Hall - violin}, Cello Concerto {abridged - Beatrice Harrison - cello}, Enigma Variations, Cockaigne Overture, In the South Overture, The Sanguine Fan, The Wand of Youth - Suites 1 and 2, 3 Bavarian Dances, Carissima, Chanson de Nuit, Polonia, Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4, Salut d'amour, etc.)
PEARL (PAVILION) CD GEMMCD59951/5 (5 CDs) (1992)
(original LP release: PEARL GEM 116) (c. 1975)

Sir Edward Elgar/London Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1927)
(+ Cello Concerto {Beatrice Harrison - cello})
NAXOS HISTORICAL 8.111260 (2007)
(original LP release: WORLD RECORD CLUB SH 163) (1971)

Edward Gardner/BBC Symphony Orchestra
(+ Serenade for Strings)
CHANDOS CHSA5197 (2018)

Sir Alexander Gibson/Royal Scottish National Orchestra
(+ Crown of India Suite)
CHANDOS COLLECT CHAN 6523 (1991)
(original LP release: RCA RL 25158) (1978)

Bernard Haitink/Philharmonia Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1 and Pomp and Circumstance March No. 5)
EMI FORTE 5697612 (2 CDs) (1997)
(original LP release: HMV EL 2701471-1) (1984)

Vernon Handley/London Philharmonic Orchestra
CLASSICS FOR PLEASURE CFP4544 (1988)
(original LP release: CLASSICS FOR PLEASURE CFP40350) (1981)

Richard Hickox/BBC National Orchestra of Wales
CHANDOS CHSA 5038 (2005)

Owain Arwel Hughes/National Youth Orchestra of Wales
(+ Alun Hoddinott: Investiture Dances)
DIVINE ART 25045 (2006)

James Loughran/Hallé Orchestra
(+ Serenade for Strings)
ASV CDQS6087 (1993)
(original LP release: WEA K53594) (1979)

Sir Charles Mackerras/London Symphony Orchestra
(+ Symphony No.1, Sea Pictures {Della Jones - mezzo} and Cockaigne Overture)
DECCA ELOQUENCE 442 8277 (2 CDs) (2008)
(original CD release: ARGO 430 835-2) (1991)

Sir Yehudi Menuhin/Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1, Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 – 5, Empire March, Coronation March
and Imperial March)
VIRGIN CLASSICS VERITAS CUV 561276-2 (2 CDs) (1998)
(original CD release: VIRGIN CLASSICS VC 91182-2) (1991)

Sakari Oramo/Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Sospiri and Elegy)
BIS SACD-1879 (2013)

Tadaaki Otaka/NHK Symphony Orchestra (rec. 2009)
(+ Symphonies Nos. 1 and 3, Introduction and Allegro, Froissart, Pomp and Circumstance No. 1)
KING INTERNATIONAL KKC2112 (3 CDs) (2017)

Vasily Petrenko/Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Chansn de Matin, Mina and Carissima)
ONYX ONYX4165 (2017)

André Previn/London Symphony Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1, Cockaigne Overture and Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 - 5)
PHILIPS DUO 454250 (2 CDs) (1996)
(original CD release: PHILIPS 442 152-2) (1985)

André Previn/Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra
(included in collection: "Anthology Of The Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra-The Radio Recordings -
Volume VI 1990-2000")
RCO LIVE RCO11004 (14 CDs) (2011)

Sir Malcolm Sargent/BBC Symphony Orchestra (rec. 1964)
BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE BBC MM 280 (2007)

Leonard Slatkin/London Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Symphony No. 1, Violin Concerto {Pinchas Zuckerman – violin}, Cello Concerto {Janos Starker –
cello}, Enigma Variations, In the South Overture, Cockaigne Overture, Froissart Overture, Salut
d'Amour)

RCA VICTOR RED SEAL 60389 (4 CDs) (2004)
 (original CD release: RCA RED SEAL RD 60072) (1989)

Giuseppe Sinopoli/Philharmonia Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 1, In the South Overture and Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4)
 DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 4531032 (2 CDs) (1997)
 (original CD release: DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON 423 085-2) (1989)

Sir Georg Solti/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 1, Cockaigne Overture and In the South Overture)
 DECCA DOUBLE DECCA 443856-2 (2 CDs) (1995)
 (original LP release: DECCA SXL 6723) (1975)

Evgeni Svetlanov/USSR State Symphony Orchestra (rec.1979)
 (+ Sea Pictures { Larisa Avdeyeva - mezzo})
 SCRIBENDUM SC032 (2004)
 (original UK LP release: HMV Concert Classics SXLP 30539) (1982)

Jeffrey Tate/London Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Symphony No. 2, Cockaigne Overture and Sospiri)
 EMI GEMINI 5855122 (2 CDs) (2003)
 (original CD release: EMI CDC7 54192-2) (1991)

Bryden Thomson/London Philharmonic Orchestra
 London Philharmonic Orchestra/Bryden Thomson
 (+ Symphony No. 1, The Sanguine Fan and Froissart Overture)
 CHANDOS CHAN 241-21 (2 CDs) (2005)
 (original CD release: CHANDOS CHAN 8452) (1986)

Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Op. 88 (elaborated by Anthony Payne) (1933/1998)

Paul Daniel/Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra/
 NAXOS 8.554719 (2000)

Sir Andrew Davis/BBC Symphony Orchestra
 NMC D053 (1998)

Sir Colin Davis/London Symphony Orchestra
 LSO LIVE LSO 0019 (2002)

Richard Hickox/BBC National Orchestra of Wales
 (+ Pomp and Circumstance March No. 6 and So Many True Princesses who Have Gone)
 CHANDOS CHSA 5057 (2007)

Tadaaki Otaka/Sapporo Symphony Orchestra
 (+ Pomp and Circumstance March. No. 6)
 SIGNUM SIGCD 118 (2008)

Tadaaki Otaka/NHK Symphony Orchestra (rec. 2011)
 (+ Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2, Introduction and Allegro, Froissart, Pomp and Circumstance No. 1)
 KING INTERNATIONAL KKC2112 (3 CDs) (2017)

"The Black Knight," Symphony for Chorus and Orchestra (1892-3)

Sir Charles Groves/Liverpool Philharmonic Choir/Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
(+ Spanish Serenade, The Snow, Fly, Singing Bird, Imperial march and Caractacus: Triumphal March)"
HMV CDC 7 47511 2 (1987)
(original LP release: HMV EL 27 0157-1) (1984)

Richard Hickox/London Symphony Chorus/London Symphony Orchestra
(+ The Bavarian Highlands)
CHANDOS CHAN 9436 (1996)