ARTISTIC ENTERPRISES INC. presents

Sidor

Belarsky

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Sung by Sidor Belarsky

It is a rare thing, in our age of specialization, for a vocal artist to excel in many separate fields. It is rarer still when the virtuoso becomes a restorer of native popular and Folk material as well as its interpreter. The career of Sidor Belarsky displays a full range of musical experience united with the selfless urge to recreate songs of the people. To these melodies he brings an altogether greater basso expression. Fresh, vibrant and meaningful tone inspires the forthright diction of his every phrase with breathtaking mobility and ease. Mr. Belarsky's assured, smiling manner reveals at once a profound intimacy with the music and an open devotion to its text. Such qualities, of course, are better reflected in the awe of his audiences than by mere words.

Israeli folksongs pertain to a rich variety of subjects in life, and their poignancy is renowned. From prayer to coachman's song, Sidor Belarsky interprets these myriad ballads in a style elastic and clear. The twelve selections are paraphrased as follows:

ZOL ZAIN

(Papernikoff) arr. Belarsky

Let it be, that I build my castles in the air
Let it be, that the Lord has forsaken me
In dreams life is sweeter, in dreams life is better.
The heaven in my dreams seems bluer than blue.
Let it be, that I will never reach my goal
Let it be, that my ship will never reach shore
For it matters not what lies at the end of the way
Let the road be blessed with the brightness of day...

DOS BROITELE

(Wasserman) arr. Belarsky

Father brought home a little bread; eight little mouths to feed. Mother breaks the bread into little pieces, each getting his share. For the youngest one who has no teeth to show, the crumbs will have to do. The teeth are dancing for joy.
The little bread is gone, only mother forgot to save a piece for herself.

ES FLATERN BLETER

Folk Song arr. Belarsky

Leaves are all trembling in the breeze. Sooner or later, alas, autumn must come.
Birds are starting to fly to far-off places, where there is warmth and everything is green.
No more bird trills, no grass. Autumn winds will blow summer away.

VIG-LID

(Charrik) Yampolsky

There is still no bread in the house. Sleep, my hungry little one, as I cannot sing of a ripened wheatfield. Your daddy is behind the plough, cramped and bowed down. You shall, you must grow as the tree, tall and strong, and when you are a man your plough shall work properly. Hard work shall be to you as a good friend, and you will rejoice in it. Your home shall be wherever there is rich soil and when, as they tell us, an easy life comes to all on earth, remember how difficult it was for your old mother.

DER NER TOMID

(Raskin) Medvedieff

Listen, my child, and I'll unfold a wondrous tale which you'll grasp better as you grow older. Once we had a wonderful temple, and among its many marvelous things was an incredulous lamp. It had been enjoined by the Lord to keep gleaming and burning forever; it had no equal anywhere. For generations it has been burning and casting upon grandchildren the same rays that had gleamed upon their grandfathers.

DER BAAL AGOLAH

Folk Song arr. Belarsky

I am a coachman, and with my span of eagle-swift horses I have raced in rain and snow, summer and winter. The steppe is my home, the wagon my bed, and my work is to fog the horses and drive through sand and roadmire. I shout "gee-up" as they dash along to the accompaniment of creaking wheels. I sit in my seat and muse while pulling at my beard, and see the revolving wheels that seem to roll away year after year. So I lash the horses, both black and white, and through sand and quagmire I go.
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