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Peer Gynt Suite No.1, Op.46 1.1. *Morning Mood* 4:21 2.2. *The Death Of Aase* 5:13 3.3. *Anitra's Dance* 3:26 4.4. *In The Hall Of The Mountain King* 2:49

Peer Gynt Suite No.2, Op.55

5.1. *The Abduction (Ingrid's Lament)* 4:09 6.2. *Arabian Dance* 4:46 7.3. *Peer Gynt's Return* 2:33 8.4. *Solveig's Song* 5:41

San Francisco Symphony Chorus San Francisco Symphony Herbert Blomstedt - conductor
Piano Concerto in A minor, Op.16

9.1. *Allegro molto moderato* 12:31 10.2. *Adagio* 6:44 11.3. *Allegro moderato molto e marcato - Quasi presto - Andante maestoso*

Stephen Kovacevich - piano BBC Symphony Orchestra Colin Davis – conductor

This is a fine set of CDs to introduce yourself to Grieg. What they failed to state, however, is how fortunate we are to have this particular recording of the piano concerto included among the other works. Why? The Kovacevich/Davic/BBCSO recording of the concerto is one the best performances of this work available. As he does in his distinguished set of Beethoven piano concertos, Kovacevich displays not only great virtuosity but also an excellent understanding of the music. Look elsewhere in the catalog, and you'll see that for the price you pay here you can probably only get the piano concerto coupled with some other concerto and maybe small fillers if you are lucky. Nowhere else will you again encounter this opportunity of getting some of Grieg's most popular works AND one of the most riveting performances of the piano concerto (which is, by the way, a work in the standard piano repertoire). Grab these two CDs as soon as you can. The remastered analog sound is as sumptuous as ever, if the 1970s recording dates are keeping you back. --- "kv581", amazon.com

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