UKRAINIAN DANCES

Kauriga Ukrainian Ensemble

A Monitor International Compact Disc
Born in America of Ukrainian parents, Paul Kauriga has been intimate with traditional Ukrainian folk songs from early childhood, when first he heard the haunting melodies sung by his immigrant parents and relatives at work in the fields. Inspired by a deep and abiding love for this unique music, Mr. Kauriga has devoted many years to collecting, orchestrating, and performing songs from the Ukraine. Encouraged by enthusiasts of folk music to share and keep alive this old world heritage, Mr. Kauriga has made this recording for the pleasure of listeners everywhere.

Mr. Kauriga's talents have led to a multi-faceted career as arranger, composer, director, performer, and teacher. As a youth he studied violin at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and played viola in Leopold Stokowski's All-American Youth Orchestra. During World War II he conducted the United States Ground Forces Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and appeared with many Hollywood celebrities throughout the country. He gained nation-wide recognition when he and his talented sons appeared on the Mike Douglas Show. There have been numerous and frequent other television appearances.

Mr. Kauriga has passed his cultural heritage to his sons Gregory, Dimitri, and Paul, Jr., who participated in making this recording. Conservatory graduates and fine artists, each plays a large variety of instruments with virtuosity. Like their father, the three sons have great interest in preserving the Ukrainian folk music.

This album includes some of the most popular and most beautiful Ukrainian folk music ever recorded. They are performed in potpourri style with many changes in moods and tempos. It is truly a collector's item for all lovers of Ukrainian music.
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1. DIKANSKYI KOZACHOK 2:30
2. HRICHIU (Medley) 3:50
3. ARKAN 3:00
4. RUSHNYCHOK 3:08
5. HOPAK 4:10
6. ZASVISTALI KOZACHENKY (Medley) 3:35
7. KOKHANOCHKA 2:52
8. VIYUT’ VITRY (Medley) 4:26
9. MARUSHA 2:42
10. UKRAINSKAYA DUMKA (Medley) 3:53
11. QUADRILLE 2:40
12. KOZACHOK 4:04

The Kauriga Ukrainian Ensemble
Paul Kauriga, Director

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All arrangements: Paul Kauriga