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EXALTATIO – CHRISTMAS CAROLS
DAGMAR PECKOVÁ
MUSICA BOHEMICA
JAROSLAV KRČEK

Dagmar Pecková – mezzo-soprano, Vincenc Ignác Novotný – tenor
Musica Bohemica, conductor Jaroslav Krček

Recorded in the Domovina Studio, Prague, April–May 2020.

Traditional Czech and Moravian carols, Christmas canticles from Czech Baroque hymnbooks, old European Advent and Christmas songs, and Jaroslav Krček's original songs.

The highly acclaimed Christmas CD *Nativitas* is now joined by a new festive album, bearing the title *Exaltatio*. While in Colloquial Latin the word means “exaltation” and “elation”, in Christian theology it has a more profound connotation: “elevation”. The mezzo-soprano Dagmar Pecková has recorded yet another Christmas-themed album, featuring Czech and other European carols and folk songs hailing the Nativity. At Christmas, people feel much closer to one another than at any other time of the year, and it has been so for centuries. The special seasonal atmosphere is what French, German, English and Polish songs have in common. Pecková has again reached for Baroque hymnbooks, in which piety combines with a majestic sublime mood. The album also encompasses much more high-spirited and poetic folk carols. Jaroslav Krček has made stylistic arrangements, whose singular signature relates to Musica Bohemica. The CD features several Baroque-inspired pieces he himself has composed. The magic of Christmas evidently continues to be celebrated by contemporary creators.

Dagmar Pecková's new Christmas album: 30 carols and songs from Bohemia, Moravia and other European regions



JAROSLAV KRČEK (1939)

1/ Intermezzo 1	1:12
2/ Legenda o narození Páně	3:31
3/ Intermezzo 2	2:37
4/ Legenda o Marii	3:24

European Christmas and Advent songs

5/ Ein Kind geboren zu Bethlehem (<i>Germany</i>)	1:38
6/ Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht (<i>Germany</i>)	2:15
7/ Noël nouvelet (<i>France</i>)	2:16
8/ Deck the Halls (<i>England</i>)	1:39
9/ Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (<i>Germany</i>)	2:59
10/ Una Pandereta Suena (<i>Spain</i>)	1:51
11/ Buďme všetci potěšeni (<i>Slovakia</i>)	1:37
12/ Jezus malusieńki (<i>Poland</i>)	1:26

Christmas and Advent songs from Baroque hymnbooks

13/ Bůh se nyní narodil (<i>Jiří Třanovský</i>)	2:30
14/ Veselým hlasem zpívejme (<i>V. K. Holan – M. V. Šteyer</i>)	2:27
15/ Rok nový zase k nám přišel (<i>Jiří Třanovský</i>)	1:43
16/ Rosu dejte, ó, nebesa (<i>Jiří Třanovský</i>)	2:19
17/ Sláva buď, pokoj na nebi (<i>Matěj Václav Šteyer</i>)	2:54

Advent and Christmas songs from an 1863 hymnbook

18/ Prolomte se nebesa	2:51
19/ Dítě se nám narodilo	2:14

Traditional Christmas songs and carols of Bohemia and Moravia

20/ Jaroslav Krček – Intermezzo 3	1:30
21/ Poslyšte, křesťané	2:29
22/ Dej Bůh štěstí	1:34
23/ Usnula, usnula, ja, Maria v ráji	4:25
24/ Krásná Panna	3:06
25/ Máte-li co, poneste	2:29
26/ Zvěstování Panně Marii	2:49
27/ Pochválen buď Ježíš Kristus	2:08
28/ Štědrej večer nastal	2:00
29/ Den přeslavný jest k nám přišel	1:25