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Seraphic Fire brings together the best ensemble singers from across the United States for virtuosic and vibrant performances of Baroque, Classical and Contemporary music. 25 MP3 Songs in this album (61:36)

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commissioned and premiered works by up-and-coming young composers including Matthew Barnson, Sydney Guillaume, and Alvaro Bermudez. In 2005, Seraphic Fire commissioned a 50-minute work from 28 year-old composer Shawn Crouch, *The Road from Hiroshima: A Requiem*, which was subsequently nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. In recognition of their efforts to promote the creation of and to premier new works, ASCAP awarded to Seraphic Fire the ASCAP/Chorus America/Alice Parker award for adventurous programming in 2006. The international classical music magazine, *Gramophone*, called Seraphic Fire "one of the most exciting and unexpected developments on the local scene," also saying that "no group programmes more adventurously." Recent concerts have included "Sephardic Fire: a program of Sephardic folk music and new works by Jewish composers", "Sway: an evening of compositions by Latin-American and Haitian-American composers", a concert version of Henry Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*, and "Amazing Grace: A Gospel and Bluegrass Journey."

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