

Secular Songs & Dances from the Middle Ages CD6 (2006)

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Dança Amorosa, Italian Dances From The Middle-Ages 6-1 *Ghaetta* 4:18 6-2 *Saltarello* (2) 1:32 6-3 *La Manfredina, Rotta Della Manfredina* 3:19 6-4 *Chançoneta Tedescha* (2) 2:05 6-5 *Isabella* 4:31 6-6 *Saltarello* (4) 2:15 6-7 *Saltarello* (3) 3:00 6-8 *Chançoneta Tedescha* (1) 4:52 6-9 *Chançoneta Tedescha* (4) 3:00 6-10 *Principio Di Virtù* 6:16 6-11 *Dança Amorosa, Suo Troto* 3:18 6-12 *Chominciamento Di Gioia* 5:44 6-13 *Chançoneta Tedescha* (3) 4:03 6-14 *Trotto* 1:49 6-15 *Bel Fiora Dança* 2:54 6-16 *Lamento Di Tristano, Sua Rotta* 5:47
Modo Antiquo Bettina

Hoffmann - director

If, like me, you really enjoy listening to secular music of the Middle Ages, don't miss this great set. Brilliant Classics has made available this 6 disc set of a wide selection of attractive music (some of which you probably already have if you're an avid medieval collector) in truly spectacular performances by Modo Antiquo under Bettina Hoffmann. The set even has what I can only describe as "demonstration" quality sound (all recorded in the middle to late 90's).

Do you admire the work of David Monrow with the Early Music Consort of London? I always considered the work of that great musician as the high water mark for early secular music performance. But, after listening to this set, I have to confess that I actually admire these performances as much or more! I have a couple shelves full of CD's of this type of music, but this set, to me, is the finest one of the lot. It's imaginative, vital, energetic, thoroughly musical and really makes the old pieces come alive. You'll actually feel like you're back in a 13th century castle when you're listening to this. (All that actually survives in the old manuscripts of many of these pieces is the melody, so a lot of work and imagination go into creating convincing performances.)

The set comes with an 8 page booklet containing two essays, one by the Bettina Hoffmann. (If I

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wanted to pick one very tiny nit, I would complain that no information is given on the sources of the pieces, but that's barely worth mentioning.)

The set includes the Carmina Burana (2 CD's), a collection called "Music of the Crusades" (2 CD's), and various dances (2 CD's). [...]

Really, this set will give you many, many hours of real enjoyment. And if you aren't familiar with the treasures of medieval songs and dance music, this is a great way to get started. Don't miss this fabulous recording! ---Thomas Gleim, amazon.com

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