1. Tre Pezzi For E flat: I.Con Moto
2. Tre Pezzi For E flat: II.Non Troppo Mosso

3. Tre Pezzi For E flat: III.Scorrevole

4. Ko-Lho For B flat: I.

5. Ko-Lho For B flat: II.

6. IXOR I For B flat

7. IXOR II For B flat

8. IXOR III For B flat

9. IXOR IV For B flat

10. Maknongan For B flat

11. Preghiera Per Un' Ombra For B flat

12. Ste For B flat: I.

13. Ste For B flat: II. Movendo

14. Ste For B flat: III. Prestissimo

15. Ste For B flat: IV. Presto

16. KYA For B flat: I.

17. KYA For B flat: II.

18. KYA For B flat: III.

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Giacinto Scelsi was both reclusive and inexact in the way that he dated and named his compositions. This rendition of *Tre Pezzi* (a broad title Scelsi used numerous times for different pieces) focuses on narrow ranges in the B-flat clarinet, demonstrating the thin margin of tonal range

between the phrases that come sometimes fast, sometimes slow. *Kho Lho*, on the other hand, pairs a clarinet and flute duet so closely that the instruments' tones merge into a thick strand of sound. *Maknongan* is a rumbling study for contrabass clarinet, and *Preghiera per un ombra* is a death-defying unleashing of soloist David Smeyers's virtuosity, with extreme tempo shifts and seamless spreads of sound. Closing the disc is the sprawling *Kya*, which sprays clarinet tones against Ensemble Avance's septet of strings and horns. The piece ranges from the intense twining of *Ko Lho* to overlapping sheets of microtones and a rollicking dissonance. The audio is at once wide open and brilliant. --*Andrew Bartlett*

