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LES SOIREES DE NAZELLES	29'30"
Préambule	3 '25"
Variations	19′15 "
Le comble de la distinction	1′20″
Le coer sur la main	3'05"
La desinvolture et la discrétion	1′15″
La suite dans les idées	2'15"
Le charme enjôleur	2′50″
Le contentement de soi	1′10″
Le goût du malheur	5′30″
L'alerte vieillesse	1′15″
Cadence	2′00″
Final	4′40″



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В.

TRIOS PIECES Pastorale Hymne Tocatta	10'35" 2'35" 5'20" 2'20"	NA
PROMENADES	17′10″	
A pied	2′25″	
En auto	1′00″	
A cheval	1′05″	
En bateau	1'10"	
En avion	3'30"	
En auto bus	1′05″	
En voiture	1′40″	
En chemin de fer	0'45"	
A bicyclette	0′50″	
En diligence	2 '55"	



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Poulenc himself: "Above all, do not analyse my music, love it!"

The admonition is not a hard one to follow, because almost all the music Poulenc wrote for the solo piano arouses a sense of joy, or provokes and bewilders. He was not "great" or "deep" like Chopin, but vital, brilliant and spiritual like Mozart. He is the embodiment of the 1920s and demonstrates a technical and musical mastery of the small-scale form. This is why one delights in his work, and never finds it tiring!

The French composer Francis Poulenc (7/1/1899 - 30/1/1963) took up the piano when still a child, and became, with the help of his teacher Ricardo Viñes, an excellent pianist. As a composer Poulenc was largely self-taught, but also studied under Charles Koechlin. The piano is included in many of his compositions, although his works for the solo piano are for the most part on a small scale. He wrote music for the theatre, orchestral and chamber music, and his songs and choral works occupy a place of special prominence. Poulenc was for a long time underrated, but now stands out as one of the most original figures among twentieth century French composers.

Inspired by Debussy and Ravel, and influenced by the popular music of the time and jazz, he left his mark on an epoch - and defined a style.

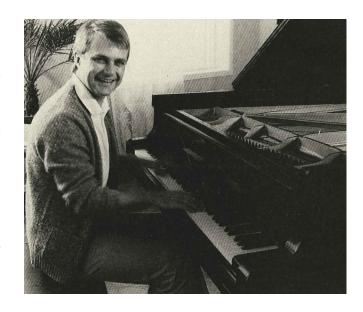


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Rolf Lindblom

Rolf Lindblom, born 1944, began his pianist's career as a jazz musician, forming his own trio. After studying to be soloist and teacher of piano at the Stockholm College of Music, he continued his education in the piano under Professor Stina Sundell.

Apart from classical works, contemporary Swedish music makes up a significant part of his repertoire (v. Pentatyk - works by Rosenberg and de Frumerie). In recent years he has gained attention and critical appreciation





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as accompanist to soloists such as Gisela May, Torsten Pollinger, Erik Saedén and Margareta Hallin (with the latter he won the Swedish Grammophone Prize 1981 for the record "Love Child"— songs with texts by Heidenstam). As a composer Rolf Lindblom has created music for TV- and other films. He has also written several children's musicals.



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