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Otto Olsson: Te Deum

Choirs of Sofia Church, Stockholm

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the first performance of Otto Olsson's *Te Deum* at Sofia Church; the work has been performed there every year on the First Sunday of Advent ever since. The tradition was initiated by the parish's former organist, Hilding Asker—a close friend of Otto Olsson who frequently performed his music—at a time when new musical ideals were emerging that sought to move away from Olsson's Romantic compositional style.

Hilding Asker served as organist for the Sofia parish and created the string arrangements for the *Te Deum*, *Advent*, and *Psalm 121* featured on this album. The recording was made at Sofia Church, utilizing a large choir, organ, and string orchestra.

The Sofia parish maintains an extensive music program comprising around 25 different choirs—with participants ranging from age three upwards—covering a variety of musical styles and levels of complexity. For this recording, the Sofia Nova and Sofia Chamber Choir perform the larger-scale works under the direction of Erik Westerlind, while Sofia Vocal Ensemble and Cantores Sofiae each perform an a cappella piece.

Producer: Per Sjösten
This is a Dolby Atmos production

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