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Chernivtsi - Contemporary Ukrainian Organ Music

Gail Archer, Armenian Catholic
Church, Chernivtsi, Ukraine
Meyer Media MM 20042 [55:00]

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The intrepid Gail Archer travels to Ukraine for this new compilation

of Ukrainian music. Actually, the final work is not contemporary but by Iwan Kryschanowskij (1867-1924) – a student of Rimsky-Korsakov. His *Fantasie* is a rather fine work, as is a Passacaglia by Mykola Kolessa (who died recently aged 103). The other works display a variety of progressive and tonal styles. The Riegger-Kloss organ has seen better days; however, one should try not to let the poor tuning and questionable recording quality detract from a fine account of some organ repertoire which deserves to be heard.

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