



following his debut in 2020:
**AMERICAN COMPOSER'S AT PLAY: WILLIAM BOLCOM, RICKY
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GRAMMY®-nominated, Classical Solo Vocal
“extraordinary” *Gramophone*
“Superb in both concept and execution” *Opera News-Critic's Choice*



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: OCTOBER 2021: Acis presents **STEPHEN POWELL** (baritone and piano), in **WHY DO THE NATIONS**, an album of 27 art songs from 11 nations that “speak to the universal themes that can heal a broken world: love and longing, peace and prosperity.” Powell’s liner notes expand on themes that unite us across traditional boundaries of nation, of race, of sex and gender. As beautifully conceived as his solo debut last year—the energy and precision with which “both” artists speak as one sheds new light on many of these works. GRAMMY®-nominated producer **GEOFFREY SILVER**: “We’re honored to present **STEPHEN POWELL** again this year, following on from his double GRAMMY® nomination. **WHY DO THE NATIONS** was conceived as a COVID-era project, where the singer could safely sing unmasked—because his accompanist was...**STEPHEN POWELL**. This combination of usually distinct performing roles is commonplace in non-classical world, but is highly unusual in the classical genre of art song—and possibly the first time in history.”

TRACK LIST

1. Morire?	Puccini	ITALY
2. Chanson à Boire	Ravel	FRANCE
3. El Paño Moruno	De Falla	SPAIN
4. Auch Kleine Dinge	Wolf	GERMANY
5. Vesenniye Vody	Rachmaninoff	RUSSIA
6. Jiào Wǒ Rúhé Bùxiǎng Tā	Zhao	CHINA
7. The Brisk Young Widow	Britten	ENGLAND
8. La Seduzione	Verdi	ITALY
9. I Hear an Army	Barber	USA
10. Ich Trage Meine Minne	Strauss	GERMANY
11. Mandoline	Fauré	FRANCE
12. Kōjō no Tsuki	Taki	JAPAN
13. ¿Corazón Porque Pasáis?	Obradors	SPAIN
14. Polyubila Ya Na Pechal	Rachmaninoff	RUSSIA
15. Money, O!	Head	ENGLAND
16. Die Forelle	Schubert	GERMANY
17. Il Poveretto	Verdi	ITALY
18. I Want to Go Back	Dong	KOREA
19. Zion's Walls	Copland	USA
20. Petits Enfants	Paladilhe	FRANCE
21. Nochi Bezumnyye	Tchaikovsky	RUSSIA
22. Meine Liebe ist Grün	Brahms	GERMANY
23. Terra e Mare	Puccini	ITALY
24. Meu Amor Me Disse Adeus	Santoro	BRAZIL
25. Every Night	Britten	ENGLAND
26. Canción De Cuna	Montsalvatge	SPAIN
27. Majority	Ives	USA

Total time: 74:57

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