

Bohuslav Martinů

(1890–1959)

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Cantata on the Words of the Old-Babylonian Epic
for Soloists, Speaker, Mixed Chorus and Orchestra (1954–1955, H. 351)

Words by Bohuslav Martinů after R. Campbell Thompson,
sung in the Czech translation by Ferdinand Pujman

- 1 **Gilgamesh** (Tablets 1, 2) . . . **19:02**
- 2 **The Death of Enkidu** (Tablets 7, 8, 10) . . . **19:20**
- 3 **Invocation** (Tablet 12) . . . **19:13**

A Woman (soprano) **Marcela Machotková**
The Hunter / Enkidu (tenor) **Jiří Zahradníček**
Gilgamesh (baritone) **Václav Zítek**
The Narrator / The Hunter's Father
/ The Spirit of Enkidu (bass) **Karel Průša**
Speaker **Otakar Brousek**

Prague Philharmonic Choir / Choir master **Josef Veselka**
Prague Symphony Orchestra / Conductor **Jiří Bělohlávek**

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