

Now enjoying cult status since her 're-discovery' 25 years ago, Hildegard von Bingen, the tenth child of an aristocratic family, entered a convent at the age of eight and spent the remainder of her eighty years as a nun as well as a mystic, the latter half as abbess of her own convent. Hildegard's great musico-poetic collection was completed around the year 1150. *Symphonia armonie celestium revelationum* (Symphony of the Harmony of Heavenly Revelations) is a collection of 77 songs and one music drama. The subjects of these songs are an idiosyncratic collection of individuals and groups – the pieces included on this recording are variously addressed to the Creator, the Redeemer, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, Apostles, Confessors, and Martyrs.

Abbess Hildegard von

BINGEN

(1098-1179)

Celestial Harmonies

Responsories and Antiphons from
Symphoniae armonie celestium revelationum

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| 1 O cohors militiae | 15:42 | 5 O victoriosissimi triumphatores | 9:37 |
| 2 O successores* | 8:21 | 6 O cruor sanguinis* | 6:05 |
| 3 O vos imitatores | 6:34 | 7 O vis aeternitatis | 8:58 |
| 4 O dulcis electe* | 6:19 | 8 O splendidissima gemma* | 12:43 |



Oxford Camerata
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Director



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