

## CLARIMONIA@twilight

Clarinet music of the Fin de siècle

Clarimonia was founded by the clarinet maker Jochen Seggelke in 1999. For this recording, he was joined by Bernhard Kösling and Ekkehard Sauer. Further on its concerts the group holds lectures, workshops and masterclasses in order to convey their knowledge all over the world. On this CD Clarimonia contemplates the spirit of the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, out of its own perspective, and attempts to bring brightness forth into the "Twilight" of dusk.

On the threshold to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, culture, the arts, humanities and science experienced a surge of creative energy that still influences us today. Many different ideas for renewal were the result of social upheavals, inventions, discoveries and wars.

This merry-go-round of development, whirling faster and faster, flung new ideas into society. Giddiness is the new manner of regarding the world, psychoanalysis and occultism are discussed upon in the midst of clouds of smoke, somewhere between euphoria and melancholy, cocaine and absinth.

The music that comes into being in this twilight dares to be new, still cannot free itself completely from earlier traditions, searches for new rules, can have a national identity or would presume to be universally valid.

On "Clarimonia@twilight" the clarinet trio took compositions from Europe and the USA by Arthur Adams, Jacques-Louis Battmann, Arthur Bird, Frederic Flexington-Harker, César Franck, J. Frank Frysinger, Julius Fucik, Joseph Friedrich Hummel, Walter Russel Johnston, Frantisek Knoch, Karel Komzak II and Georges Meister.

Clarimonia plays on three B-clarinets, or on C-, B-, or A-clarinet and one bassetthorn. Some of the instruments are reproductions, one is an original instrument built in 1875. Other instruments were built especially for this project. They are made of boxwood, with reduced mechanisms, with german system. This allows for a combination of tone-colours which would not be possible with conventional modern instruments.



### Summary

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