IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT

To the

GRETCHANINOFF MISSA OECUMENICA

1944

Our release of the good-sounding recording of the world premiere of Gretchanivov’s Mass, as performed by the Boston Symphony Chorus and Soloists under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky, was flawed by the absence of the short (6 minute) opening section, the Kyrie. Fortunately, one of our purchasers, Dave Hermann, possessed the 16-inch transcription disc with the Kyrie and generously sent it to us. The disc was in rather battered condition, having survived since 1945, but I did what I could to restore the good sound, though some surface noise remains, and put it into the remainder of the Mass (which is in very good sound for this era). We now add the long missing Kyrie together with the opening commentary to our album. It is available to previous purchasers of this set for the sum of $5.00. No postage cost will be added if ordered by itself.

Richard Caniell
Sound Engineer/ Producer

Please note: The tracking is now changed on the disc to include the broadcast commentary (track 1) and the missing Kyrie (track 2). This means that until another reprinting of the booklet, the tracking page is now out by two tracks (for example, track 1 on the booklet tracking page is now track 3 on the disc).