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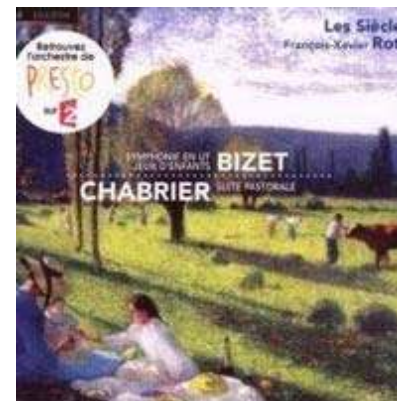
**This is a jaw-dropping new recording of Chabrier's Suite Pastorale made by French conductor Francois-Xavier Roth and Les Siecles, and you can hear it first on Simon Bates's show on Classic FM.**

Every so often, a recording comes along which really grabs your attention - and that was certainly the case with our latest CD of the Week. This is a fresh, vibrant recording of French music inspired by the countryside - and it comes in a beautiful package, full of woodland scenes and comprehensive information about the works on the disc.

The lively **Suite Pastorale** by **Emmanuel Chabrier** is a real discovery: bright, upbeat tunes with a really rustic sound. The rest of the disc is devoted to music by **Georges Bizet**. There's a thrilling performance of his **Symphony In C**, and an equally compelling version of **Jeux d'Enfants** (Child's Play).

The French conductor **Francois-Xavier Roth**, who was born in France in 1971 and studied at the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique, directs the chamber orchestra **Les Siecles** - an ensemble he founded in 2003, and which performs music ranging from the Baroque period right through to the 21st Century.

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