



## Hildegard von Bingen In Portrait

### ORDO VIRTUTUM (70 mins)

*The Ritual of the Virtues* is the oldest surviving European music-drama, and the greatest musical work by the visionary mystic, Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179). Hildegard left a treasury of writings and music expressing the passionate intensity of her mystical experiences. Her profound knowledge seemed to come directly from a source of wisdom deeper than learning and tradition, finding its expression through the symbolism of medieval Christendom. She tells us that the spirit and the world are not separate but intertwined, and that spirituality and worldliness do not have to be separate either. Although she lived almost her entire life as a cloistered nun, she was deeply involved with the world on many levels - observing, writing, preaching and organising a community. Through her many writings, she tells us that help is always at hand, both from the world we know with our senses, and from the world we discover through our hearts and intuition.

**The Soul** Ansy Boothroyd, **The Devil** John Hancorn, **The Virtues** Vox Animae, led by Evelyn Tubb, **Chorus of Patriarchs, Prophets and Souls** Mayfield Chamber Opera Chorus, **Harp** Michael Fields, **Recorder** Piers Adams, **Percussion** Steven Devine, **Directors** Michael Fields and Evelyn Tubb

#### This DVD set also features:

##### HILDEGARD (55 mins)

Dramatised BBC Omnibus biographical documentary, starring Patricia Routledge.

##### A REAL MYSTIC (45 mins)

An interview and lecture with Professor Matthew Fox, author of 'Illuminations' and Mary Grabowsky, experts on Hildegard's spiritual significance to the 21st century.

##### A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION (50 mins)

The Washington National Cathedral presents a documentary about the life and times of Hildegard.

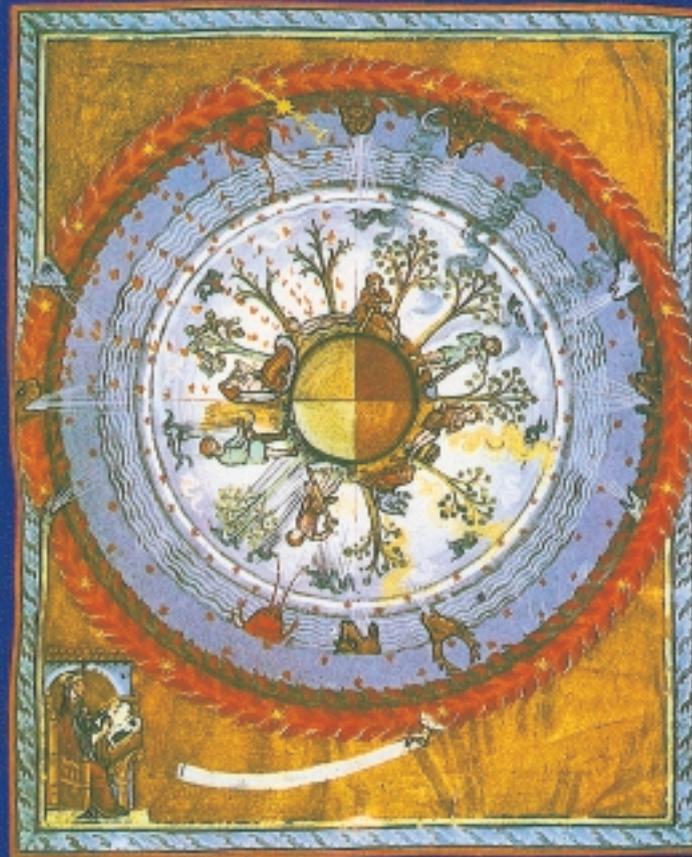
##### ILLUMINATIONS (30 mins)

Art gallery of Hildegard's mystic visions, with comments by Professor Matthew Fox.

Executive Producer Hans Petri

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AUDIO FORMATS



SUBTITLES GB/ES/J  
RUNNING TIME 250 MINS

16/9 ANAMORPHIC  
4/3 (A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION)

COLOUR MUSIC



2 x DVD 9 - double layer discs: the feature may experience a slight pause upon layer change

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