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Review of **Spectrum** by **Philip Greenfield** - **The American Record Guide** (Mar/Apr 2013)

Las Cantantes, the women's choir from the University of New Mexico, has come up aces with me before and they're impressive again in this program. For starters, they give us a bright, breezy performance of Bob Chilcott's Little Mass with a jazz trio on hand to lend its brand of elegance to the proceedings. Even more memorable is the glamorous singing in Joseph Rheinberger's Mass in A, a lush, handsomely melodic traversal of the liturgy you'd have to be made of stone not to like. Works by Bradley Ellingboe and Kinley Lange add some nice lyrical touches, while 'Gabi, Gabi' unleashes a primal energy in line with its Zulu ancestry. Notes, texts and translations are supplied, and the recording is fine.