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GREAT VIOLIN CONCERTOS

VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS • J.S. BACH CONCERTOS IN A MINOR & E MAJOR • MOZART NOS. 3, 4 & 5 • SPOHR CONCERTO NO. 8 • BEETHOVEN CONCERTO IN D MAJOR • MENDELSSOHN CONCERTO IN E MINOR • BRUCH CONCERTO NO. 1 • VIEUXTEMPS NO. 5 • BRAHMS CONCERTO IN D MAJOR • PAGANINI CONCERTO NO. 1 SAINT-SAËNS NO. 3 • LALO SYMPHONIE ESPAGNOLE • TCHAIKOVSKY CONCERTO IN D MAJOR • GLAZUNOV CONCERTO IN A MINOR • ELGAR CONCERTO IN B MINOR • WIENIAWSKI CONCERTO NO. 2 • DVORÁK CONCERTO IN A MINOR • SIBELIUS CONCERTO IN D MINOR • SHOSTAKOVICH CONCERTO NO. 1 • PROKOFIEV CONCERTO NO. 1

The essence of a concerto is the contrast and combination of a solo instrument with a larger instrumental ensemble. Having developed out of the Baroque concept of *concerto grosso*, the concerto genre was fully established in the eighteenth century, and many works dating from this period are still a key part of the repertoire today. The opportunity for virtuosic display from the soloist has resulted in the concerto becoming a vital musical force on the concert platform.

The violin concerto owes a great deal of its development to the technical achievement of performers, and to this day many works are renowned for their fierce technical demands. Indeed, many composers who have written for the instrument were superlative players themselves – Wieniawski and Paganini among them. The fascinating history and capabilities of the instrument can be traced through the compositions contained herein; from the gossamer threads of Vivaldi to the exhilarating fireworks of Prokofiev, via the lilting swagger of Lalo and Saint-Saëns and nationalistic panache of Sibelius and Glazunov.



The booklet includes an Introduction to the Violin Concerto plus notes for each work.

GREAT VIOLIN CONCERTOS includes the following concertos:

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| CD 2 Mozart Violin Concertos Nos. 4 & 5 / Spoher Concerto No. 8 | CD 7 Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D Major / Glazunov Violin Concerto in A Minor |
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