

Compatible with existing CD players, this SACD contains three separate versions of the same programme: 5.0 multichannel surround sound mastered in DSD • 2-channel stereo mastered in DSD • CD standard stereo

This is the first recording of the Complete Original Version of Stravinsky's most popular work, *The Firebird*. Among the many differences between the present recording and its predecessors is the restoration of two long, valveless trumpets *on stage*, each playing a single note standing out above the entire orchestra. This is a thrilling effect in all likelihood heard for the first time since 1910 on this recording. Compared to the lush orchestra of *The Firebird*, the sonorities of *Petrushka* may seem brittle but harmonically, rhythmically, and instrumentally the work is innovative on every page, a drama of great power and originality.

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**STRAVINSKY**  
(1882-1971)

**The Firebird (1910)\***  
**Ballet in Two Scenes**

**1** Introduction

**2-21** Scene I

**22** Scene II

**44:52** **Petrushka**

**(1911, Revised 1947)**

**A Burlesque in Four Scenes**

**23-25** First Tableau

**26** Second Tableau

**27-29** Third Tableau

**30-39** Fourth Tableau

**34:01**

**Philharmonia Orchestra • Robert Craft**

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