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Johann Strauss II

Paraphrases and Piano Transcriptions

An Anthology of Historic Performances • Volume 1 (1930-1954)



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| <p>1 DOHNÁNYI: <i>Schatz Waltz (Treasure Waltz)</i>
Ernö Dohnányi (Rec: 25th February 1931)</p> <p>2 RAWICZ and LANDAUER: <i>Annen Polka</i>
Maryan Rawicz and Walter Landauer (Rec: 1st January 1950)</p> <p>3 SCHULTZ-EVLER:
Concert Arabesques "On the Beautiful Blue Danube"
Isador Goodman (Rec: 1932)</p> <p>4 GRÜNFELD: <i>Soirée de Vienne</i>
Jakov Fliere (1939)</p> <p>5 TAUSIG: <i>Valse-Caprice No.2</i>
Ania Dorfmann (Rec: 5th November 1938)</p> <p>6 CHASINS: Concert Paraphrase on "Artists' Life"
Vera Appleton and Michael Field (Rec: 1954)</p> <p>7 SCHULHOF: <i>Neue Pizzicato-Polka, Opus 449</i>
Paul Badura-Skoda (Rec: December 1951– January 1952)</p> <p>8 TEMPLETON:
Improvisation on "Tales from the Vienna Woods"
Alec Templeton (Rec: 1954)</p> <p>9 PENNARIO: Emperor Waltz
Leonard Pennario (Rec: 9th May 1952)</p> <p>10 SCHÜTT: Concert Paraphrase on "Die Fledermaus"
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Stanislas Niedzielski (Rec: 14th June 1930)</p> <p>12 BASS: Concert Paraphrase on "Voices of Spring"
Walter Rehberg (Rec: 1930)</p> <p>13 VON BOMHÁRD: "Die Fledermaus" Waltzes, Opus 56
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The undisputed master of Viennese dance forms, "those irresistible waltzes that first catch the ear, and then curl round the heart, until suddenly they invade the legs", Johann Strauss II became the most popular musician of his generation. His publishers printed countless copies of his sheet music, making it possible for anyone who had access to a piano to play his compositions at social gatherings or simply for enjoyment at home. Concert pianists in the late nineteenth century and throughout the twentieth century added to Strauss's popularity by creating paraphrases and transcriptions of many of his works. The examples gathered together on this disc include solo piano performances, as well as duo-piano transcriptions and one recording on four pianos. A number of these historic recordings appear for the first time on compact disc.

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