Nikolay Karlovich Medtner

Medtner was born in Moscow in 1880 of remote German ancestry. At the age of 12 he entered the Moscow Conservatory, becoming one of the elite of Russian virtuoso pianists and a composer of outstanding ability. Forced to leave his homeland in 1921, he eventually settled in England.

Piano Concertos

Medtner's three *Piano Concertos* bring together the traditions of Brahms and Schumann and the full-blooded Romanticism of Rachmaninov. The two concertos recorded here are starkly contrasting but both demand the skills of a gifted virtuoso.

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(1880–1951)

Piano Concertos Nos. 1 and 3

	Piano Concerto No. 1 in C minor, Op. 33	34:50
1	Allegro –	11:59
2	Tranquillo, meditamente –	13:13
3	Tempo I –	2:20
4	Allegro molto	7:16
	Piano Concerto No. 3 in E minor, Op. 60 'Ballade'	34:56
5	Con moto largamente –	14:40
6	Interludium: Allegro, molto sostenuto, misterioso –	1:34
7	Finale: Allegro molto – Svegliando, eroico	18:38

Konstantin Scherbakov, Piano Moscow Symphony Orchestra • Vladimir Ziva, Conductor

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