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STRAVINSKY: The Firebird • Petrushka

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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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Igor STRAVINSKY

(1882-1971)

The Firebird (1910)* <i>Ballet in Two Scenes</i>	44:52	Petrushka (1911, Revised 1947)	34:01
1 Introduction	2:34	A Burlesque in Four Scenes	
2-21 Scene I	39:22	23-25 First Tableau	
22 Scene II	2:55	26 Second Tableau	
		27-29 Third Tableau	
		30-39 Fourth Tableau	

Philharmonia Orchestra • Robert Craft

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