

Tchaikovsky's *The Seasons* is a collection of twelve piano pieces, each one representing a month of the year, from the melancholy fireside in January, through Carnival, the song of the lark, April snowdrops and the nights of May, to the wistful barcarolle of June, the cutter of hay, harvest, hunting, October autumn, the sleigh-bells of the November *troika* and to Christmas. These charming and ever-popular pieces offer occasional challenges to the technical proficiency of the amateurs for whom they were intended. Tchaikovsky's *Sonata in C sharp minor* is an early work, whose third movement was used by the composer for the *Scherzo* of his *First Symphony 'Winter Daydreams'*, written the following year.

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TCHAIKOVSKY  
(1840–1893)

Piano Music

**The Seasons, Op. 37b 44:12**

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| 1  | January: By the Fireside | 6:09 |
| 2  | February: Carnival       | 2:56 |
| 3  | March: Song of the Lark  | 2:43 |
| 4  | April: Snowdrop          | 2:30 |
| 5  | May: May Nights          | 4:39 |
| 6  | June: Barcarolle         | 4:55 |
| 7  | July: Song of the Reaper | 1:41 |
| 8  | August: The Harvest      | 3:09 |
| 9  | September: The Hunt      | 2:47 |
| 10 | October: Autumn Song     | 5:02 |
| 11 | November: Troika         | 3:02 |
| 12 | December: Christmas      | 4:30 |

**Sonata in C sharp minor,  
Op. 80 27:20**

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| 13 | Allegro con fuoco     | 9:40 |
| 14 | Andante               | 5:18 |
| 15 | Scherzo: allegro vivo | 5:52 |
| 16 | Allegro vivo          | 6:27 |



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