

BALAKIREV

COMPLETE PIANO WORKS • 1

Balakirev's *Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 5* (1905) is the summit of his ambition to create a work that expresses the entire history of Russia. This highly original and most moving of all Russian sonatas encapsulates all three Sonatas, having begun life as the *Grande Sonata, Op. 3* (1855), here recorded for the first time, subsequently becoming the *First Sonata* (1856). This recording of the *Sonata, Op. 5* is the first to have been made from the original manuscript, without the mistakes to be found in the two published scores.

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| 1-4 | Sonata in B flat minor (1905) | 24:27 |
| 5-7 | Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 5 (1856)
(Première Sonate) | 20:46 |
| 8-12 | Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 3 (1855) * | 31:10 |
| | (Grande Sonate) | |

* World Première Recording

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 76:23



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