

Filed in Chester Cathedral during the National Youth Orchestra of Spain's 2007 European tour, this concert features Leopold Stokowski's inimitable and colourful transcriptions of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and *A Night on Bare Mountain*, the latter made famous by its inclusion in the 1940 Walt Disney film *Fantasia*. José Serebrier's '*Symphonie mystique*', for strings, was written in the space of just one week in 2003. Serebrier's earlier recording of this work (Naxos compact disc 8.559183) was hailed by FonoForum magazine as "a vital, elegant masterwork ... a shimmering prism of tone ... clearly formed and with a sure hand for reaching great heights of ecstasy".

1. Opening credits 0:42

Richard WAGNER (1813-1883)

2. Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg: Prelude 10:40

José SEREBRIER (b. 1938)

Symphony No. 3, '*Symphonie mystique*' (27:03)

3. Presto 4:45 • 4. Lento 7:07 • 5. Andante mosso 8:36 • 6. Andante comodo* 6:36

Modest MUSSORGSKY (1839-1881)

Symphonic transcriptions by Leopold Stokowski

7. A Night on Bare Mountain (Witches' Sabbath) 10:27

Pictures at an Exhibition (30:07)

8. Promenade 1:58 • 9. Gnomus 2:13 • 10. Promenade 0:59 • 11. Il vecchio castello (The Old Castle) 3:22 • 12. Bydlo (A Polish Ox-wagon) 2:36 • 13. Promenade 0:56

14. Ballet de poussins dans leurs coques (Ballet of the Chickens in their Shells) 1:13

15. Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuyle 2:16 • 16. Catacombs – Sepulchrum Romanum; Con mortuis in lingua mortua 3:07 • 17. La cabane sur des pattes de poule (The Hut on Fowl's Legs) 2:56 • 18. La grande porte de Kiev (The Great Gate of Kiev) 8:31

Georges BIZET (1838-1875)

Arr. Guiraud

19. L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2: Farandole 4:26

20. End credits 0:36

**National Youth Orchestra of Spain / Joven Orquesta Nacional de España
(JONDE)**

José Serebrier, Conductor

José Luis Turina, Artistic Director

*** Carole Farley, soprano (6)**

Producer, editor & mixer **Mark Rogers** • Sound recording engineer **Mike Cox**

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