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William Kapell (1922 -1953)

Edmund Kurtz, Cello *

NBC Symphony Orchestra • Vladimir Golschmann †

BEETHOVEN (1770-1827):

Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat major, Op. 19 †	27:24
1 Allegro con brio	13:19
2 Largo	8:45
3 Rondo: Allegro scherzando	5:20
Recorded on 24th June 1946	

SCHUBERT (1791-1828):

4 Waltz in B major, D. 145, No. 2	0:55
5 Waltz in B minor, D. 145, No. 6	1:07
6 Waltz in E major, D. 365, No. 26	0:38
7 Waltz in F major, D. 365, No. 32	1:01
8 German Dance in B flat, D. 783, No. 6	0:35
9 German Dance in B flat, D. 783, No. 7	0:44
10 Waltz in F major, D. 365, No. 34	0:47
11 Ländler in D major, D. 734, No. 1	0:59
Recorded on 3rd July 1952	

RACHMANINOV (1874-1942): Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op. 19 *

12 Lento - Allegro moderato	9:17
13 Allegro scherzando	6:15
14 Andante	5:48
15 Allegro mosso - Meno mosso - Moderato - Più vivo	9:48
Recorded 23rd-24th April 1947	

When William Kapell was killed in a plane crash at the age of 31 on 29th October 1953 the world was robbed of a great talent. Kapell played a wide repertoire, though he became best known for his performances of Khachaturian, Prokofiev, and Rachmaninov, with whose music he felt a special affinity. Kapell's performance of Rachmaninov's *Sonata for Cello and Piano*, one of his few chamber music recordings, combines ardour with intimacy. His recording of Beethoven's *Second Piano Concerto* affords a rare opportunity to hear the spontaneous charm and crisp precision he brought to a composer whose music he rarely programmed in concert.

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