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Alfred Cortot (1877-1962)

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Time
68:38

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1	Waltz No. 1 in E flat major, Op. 18 (Grande valse brillante)	4:39
2	Waltz No. 2 in A flat major, Op. 34, No. 1 (Valse brillante)	4:49
3	Waltz No. 3 in A minor, Op. 34, No. 2 (Valse brillante)	4:21
4	Waltz No. 4 in F major, Op. 34, No. 3 (Valse brillante)	2:17
5	Waltz No. 5 in A flat major, Op. 42 (The 'Two-Four' Waltz)	3:46
6	Waltz No. 6 in D flat major, Op. 64, No. 1 ('Minute' Waltz)	1:42
7	Waltz No. 7 in C sharp minor, Op. 64, No. 2	3:08
8	Waltz No. 8 in A flat major, Op. 64, No. 3	2:59
9	Waltz No. 9 in A flat major, Op. 69, No. 1 (L'Adieu) (Posth.)	3:10
10	Waltz No. 10 in B minor, Op. 69, No. 2	2:56
11	Waltz No. 11 in G flat major, Op. 70, No. 1 (Posth.)	2:03
12	Waltz No. 12 in F minor, Op. 70, No. 2 (Posth.)	2:29
13	Waltz No. 13 in D flat major, Op. 70, No. 3 (Posth.)	2:48
14	Waltz No. 14 in E minor (Posth.)	2:21
15	Waltz No. 7 in C sharp minor, Op. 64, No. 2	3:09
16	Waltz No. 9 in A flat major, Op. 69, No. 1 (L'Adieu) (Posth.)	3:11
17	Waltz No. 9 in A flat major, Op. 69, No. 1 (L'Adieu) (Posth.)	3:03
18	Waltz No. 11 in G flat major, Op. 70, No. 1 (Posth.)	2:31
19	Waltz No. 6 in D flat major, Op. 64, No. 1 ('Minute' Waltz)	1:39
20	Fantasie in F minor, Op. 49	11:35

A multi-faceted musician, conductor and chamber music player, Alfred Cortot was renowned above all as a pianist. In 1920 a reviewer wrote of him: "Alfred Cortot explores the spiritual depths of music. In the most genuine and unaffected way he is among the most poetic of pianists". This Naxos re-issue is the second of five volumes devoted to Cortot's 78rpm recordings of Chopin, featuring at least one version of every published Chopin solo work the pianist recorded during the period. When the June 1934 recordings of the *Waltzes* were released, *The Gramophone* critic wrote: "this whole series of *waltzes* is played with an artistry that a few technical lapses cannot mar... The records are an object lesson in the difficult art of rubato alone..."

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