

BEETHOVEN

SYMPHONIES NOS. 1 – 9 PIANO CONCERTOS NOS. 1 – 5 · RONDO

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A trailblazing individualist, Beethoven brought a new passion and intensity to classical music that has rarely been surpassed. His symphonies, representing the pinnacle of the genre, have exerted an immeasurable influence on virtually every subsequent composer. The five superb piano concertos trace the development of Beethoven's style through his career, from the quixotic First Concerto to the unadulterated jubilation of the 'Emperor' Concerto.

Total Timing 8 hours 58 minutes

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