

THE VERY BEST OF STRAUSS

"The Waltz King"

Johann Strauss, the most popular and prolific composer in 19th Century Vienna, wrote hundreds of uplifting Waltzes, Marches and Polkas which are still enjoyed to this day, notably in the annual New Year's Day concert which enjoys a worldwide audience of millions. Strauss also wrote sixteen Operettas of which the best known is *Die Fledermaus* ('The Bat'). This 2 CD set makes the perfect introduction to his charming Waltzes and witty Operettas, featuring 150 minutes of his favourites such as *The Blue Danube*, *Tales from the Vienna Woods* and the *Thunder and Lightning Polka*.

Compact Disc 1

- 1** Die Fledermaus: Overture **2** Pizzicato Polka **3** Roses From The South **4** Eine Nacht in Venedig: Komm in die Gondel
5 Champagner-Polka **6** Emperor Waltz **7** Eljen a Magyar Polka **8** Wiener Bonbons, Waltz **9** Persian March
10 Die Fledermaus: Csardas **11** Artists' Life **12** Tik-Tak Polka **13** Blue Danube, Waltz

Compact Disc 2

- 1** Voices of Spring **2** Tritsch-Tratsch Polka **3** Der Zigeunerbaron: Overture
4 Die Fledermaus: Ach, meine Herrn und Damen **5** Wine, Women and Song
6 Annen-Polka **7** Tales from the Vienna Woods **8** Leichtes Blut Polka
9 Der Zigeunerbaron: Wer uns getraut **10** Perpetual Motion: A Musical Joke
11 Thunder and Lightning Polka **12** Wiener Blut, Waltz



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