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TCHAIKOVSKY: The Seasons

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The Seasons was commissioned by Nikolay Bernard, editor of the periodical *Nouvelliste*. Each monthly issue was to contain an appropriate piece by Tchaikovsky. The resulting collection has much charm, as it takes the listener through the year, from the fireside in January, through Carnival, the song of the lark, April snowdrops and the nights of May, to the Barcarolle of June, the cutter of the hay, harvest, hunting, October autumn, the November Troika and to Christmas. This present collection of arrangements for violin and orchestra of piano pieces by Tchaikovsky has been skilfully devised and orchestrated by the composer, pianist and conductor Peter Breiner.

Piotr Il'yich
TCHAIKOVSKY
(1840-1893)

The Seasons, Op. 37b	47:39	13 Chanson triste	3:24
1 January: By the Fireside	5:04	Op.40, No.2	
2 February: Carnival	3:30	14 Mazurka	4:17
3 March: Song of the Lark	3:04	Op.40, No.4	
4 April: Snowdrop	3:36	15 Chant sans paroles	3:07
5 May: May Nights	3:52	Op.40, No.6	
6 June: Barcarolle	5:13	16 Danse russe	2:32
7 July: Song of the Reaper	2:19	Op.40, No.10	
8 August: The Harvest	5:02	17 Rêverie interrompue	4:27
9 September: The Hunt	3:14		
10 October: Autumn Song	4:25	(All tracks arranged by Peter Breiner)	
11 November: Troika	3:49		
12 December: Christmas	4:31		

Takako Nishizaki, Violin
Queensland Symphony Orchestra • Peter Breiner

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