

Playing Time
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Bartók
(1881-1945)

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BARTÓK: Violin Concertos Nos. 1 and 2

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György Pauk, Violin

National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra (Katowice)

Antoni Wit, Conductor

Violin Concerto
No. 1 Sz. 36

1 Andante sostenuto
2 Allegro giocoso

20:22

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Violin Concerto
No. 2 Sz. 112

3 Allegro non troppo
4 Andante tranquillo
5 Allegro molto

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Bartók's two *Violin Concertos* are among the 20th century masterpieces for the instrument. Completed when he was a youthful 27, the first is a tender work dedicated to a young violinist, Stefi Geyer, in whom he had confided his innermost feelings. It was never performed in his lifetime, and remained unpublished until 1959. Bartók's *Second Concerto* was written thirty years after the first. It is a frequently turbulent score which yet contains one of the most exquisite slow movements in the violin repertoire.

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