

Considered the most 'Russian' of Stravinsky's major works, the origin of *The Firebird* lies in the impresario Sergey Dyagilev's cost-cutting decision to concentrate on ballet, rather than opera. It takes its place in a lineage stretching from Glinka to Scriabin, making it an amalgam of Russian music past and present. Its first performance, at the Paris Opéra in 1910, was a phenomenal success and assured Stravinsky's future as a composer. This transcription for solo piano is Stravinsky's own, also dating from 1910.

**Igor**  
**STRAVINSKY**  
(1882-1971)  
**The Firebird**

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>3:53</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>The Enchanted Garden of Kastchei</b>	<b>2:49</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Appearance of the Firebird, Pursued by Prince Ivan</b>	<b>2:25</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Dance of the Firebird</b>	<b>1:44</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Capture of the Firebird by Prince Ivan</b>	<b>1:00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Supplication of the Firebird</b>	<b>6:46</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Appearance of the Thirteen Enchanted Princesses</b>	<b>3:07</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>The Princesses' Game with the Golden Apples</b>	<b>2:46</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Sudden Appearance of Prince Ivan</b>	<b>1:31</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Khorovod (Round Dance) of the Princesses</b>	<b>4:43</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Daybreak - Prince Ivan Enters Kastchei's Palace</b>	<b>2:01</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Magic Carillon - Appearance of Kastchei's Monster Guardians</b>	
	<b>- Capture of Prince Ivan</b>	<b>2:59</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Arrival of Kastchei the Immortal - Dialogue of Kastchei and Prince Ivan</b>	
	<b>- Intercession of the Princesses</b>	<b>3:33</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Appearance of the Firebird</b>	<b>0:35</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Dance of Kastchei's Retinue, Enchanted by the Firebird</b>	<b>0:52</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Infernal Dance of All Kastchei's Subjects</b>	<b>5:21</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Lullaby (The Firebird)</b>	<b>2:49</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Kastchei's Death</b>	<b>1:44</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Disappearance of Kastchei's Palace and Magical Creations</b>	
	<b>- Return to Life of the Petrified Knights - General Rejoicing</b>	<b>4:10</b>

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