

The second of Johann Strauss the elder's sons, Josef, was a remarkably versatile, gifted and prolific composer of whom his brother, Johann Strauss the younger, once said: '[Josef] is the more gifted of us two; I am merely the more popular'. Josef left more than 300 original dances and marches, as well as 500 arrangements of music by other composers. This album presents thirteen of his best dances.

The Best of JOSEF STRAUSS

(1827–1870)

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| 1 | Ohne Sorgen! Polka schnell (Without a Care! Quick Polka), Op. 271 | 1:55 |
| 2 | Schlaraffen-Polka (française) (Fool's Paradise, French Polka), Op. 179 | 2:58 |
| 3 | Die Gazelle. Polka Mazur (The Gazelle, Polka Mazurka), Op. 155 | 4:41 |
| 4 | Hesperus-bahnen. Walzer (Hesperus' Path, Waltz), Op. 279 | 9:52 |
| 5 | Wiener Fresken. Walzer (Viennese Frescoes, Waltz), Op. 249 | 8:35 |
| 6 | Heiterer Muth. Polka française (Cheerful Fortitude, French Polka), Op. 281 | 3:33 |
| 7 | Phönix-Marsch (Phoenix March), Op. 105 | 2:00 |
| 8 | Deutsche Grüße, Walzer (German Greetings, Waltz), Op. 191 | 10:07 |
| 9 | Perlen der Liebe, Concert-Walzer (Pearls of Love, Concert Waltz), Op. 39 | 10:47 |
| 10 | Sphärenklänge, Walzer (Music of the Spheres, Waltz), Op. 235 | 12:19 |
| 11 | Feuerfest! Polka française (Fireproof! French Polka), Op. 269 | 3:12 |
| 12 | Brennende Liebe. Polka Mazur (Burning Love, Polka Mazurka), Op. 129 | 5:23 |
| 13 | Steeple chase. Polka schnell (Steeplechase, Quick Polka), Op. 43 | 2:15 |

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