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Nicolas
FLAGELLO
(1928–1994)

Piano Concerto No. 1 (1950) ^{1,3} 28:48

- ① **Allegro maestoso** 15:50
② **Andante** 6:55
③ **Allegro con brio** 6:02

④ **Dante's Farewell (1962) ^{2,3} 13:43**
(orchestrated by Anthony Sbordini)

Concerto Sinfonico (1985) ^{4,5} 22:53
for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra

- ⑤ **Allegro non troppo** 10:09
⑥ **Lento movendo (quasi alla barcarola)** 5:29
⑦ **Allegro giusto** 7:14

Tatjana Rankovich, Piano ¹
Susan Gonzalez, Soprano ²

**National Radio Symphony Orchestra
of Ukraine • John McLaughlin Williams ³**

New Hudson Saxophone Quartet ⁴
Rutgers Symphony Orchestra • Kynan Johns ⁵

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American folk, folk artist, 1880s.



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Nicolas Flagello was one of the last American composers to pursue traditional romantic musical values, intensified by modernist innovations in harmony and rhythm, but without recourse to the fashionable experimental practices of the post-World War II years. The three works heard in these world première recordings encompass Flagello's entire compositional career. Ranging from the *Piano Concerto No. 1*, which here receives only its second performance, to the *Concerto Sinfonico*, his final composition, they are powerful and deeply expressive creations filled with emotional turbulence and surging rhythms.

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