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The Yellow River Concerto is one of the most popular of all Chinese works, a richly melodic exploration of scenic variety, and a forceful expression of patriotic pride. Written in 1958 by Chen Gang and He Zhanhao, *The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto* has achieved world renown for its moving and beautiful synthesis of Western and Eastern traditions. In 1985 Chen Gang made an arrangement for piano and orchestra, played on this recording in the edition by the brilliant international soloist Chen Jie.

**YIN Chengzong / SHENG Lihong / CHU Wanghua /
LIU Zhuang / SHI Shucheng / XU Feisheng**

The Yellow River Piano Concerto **21:54**
(based on *Yellow River Cantata* by Xian Xinghai)

- 1 I. Prelude: The Song of the Yellow River Boatmen 03:39
- 2 II. Ode to the Yellow River 04:11
- 3 III. The Yellow River in Wrath 07:06
- 4 IV. Defend the Yellow River 06:58

CHEN Gang / HE Zhanhao

- 5 **The Butterfly Lovers Piano Concerto** **27:06**
(arranged by Chen Gang from
The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto, edited by Chen Jie)

Chen Jie, Piano
New Zealand Symphony Orchestra • Carolyn Kuan

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