

On this second volume of Anton Rubinstein's piano music, GRAMMY®-nominated pianist Joseph Banowetz interprets works spanning the composer's long career, from the famous *Melody in F*, written by the 23-year-old Rubinstein to the nostalgic *Souvenir of Dresden* composed in the year of his death. *Russian Serenade* is a charming vision of the composer's homeland, the *Romance and Impromptu* a pair contrasting the lyrical and virtuosic, while *Akrostichon No. 1* is a gently understated love poem. Volume 1 (8.570941) is also available.

Anton
RUBINSTEIN
(1829-94)

Piano Music (1852-1894)

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| 1 Sérénade russe
in B minor (c. 1879)* | 6:01 | 8 No. 5 Nocturne* | 6:51 |
| 2 No. 1 Melody in F major | 3:46 | 9 No. 6 Polonaise | 6:29 |
| 3 No. 2 Melody in B major | 3:14 | Romance and Impromptu,
Op. 26 (1854/58)* 6:17 | |
| Souvenir de Dresde,
Op. 118 (1894) | 37:21 | 10 No. 1 Romance in F major | 3:13 |
| 4 No. 1 Simplicitas* | 6:40 | 11 No. 2 Impromptu in A minor | 3:04 |
| 5 No. 2 Appassionata* | 7:14 | Akrostichon No. 1,
Op. 37 (c. 1856)* 18:42 | |
| 6 No. 3 Novellette* | 6:49 | 12 No. 1 – L | 4:17 |
| 7 No. 4 Caprice* | 3:18 | 13 No. 2 – A | 3:09 |
| | | 14 No. 3 – U | 3:20 |
| | | 15 No. 4 – R | 3:51 |
| | | 16 No. 5 – A | 4:05 |

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Joseph Banowetz, Piano

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