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Paris was one of the great centres of European art, and Sergey Dyagilev and his *Ballet russes* brought to the city a succession of epoch-shattering productions that revolutionised ballet. Whilst composing *The Rite of Spring* for Diaghilev, Stravinsky broke off its composition to write *Petrushka*, the story of a puppet suddenly brought to life. Choreography was by Fokin and Nijinsky danced the title role. It remains one of the twentieth century's greatest ballets. Using music from Acts I and II of his opera *Le rossignol*, Stravinsky's *Song of the Nightingale* is a brilliantly orchestrated symphonic poem, richly evoking Chinese music and the allure of the Orient.

SEATTLE SYMPHONY

Igor
STRAVINSKY
(1882-1971)

Petrushka (1911, revised 1947)

A Burlesque in

Four Scenes

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| 1 | The Shrove-Tide Fair | 10:10 |
| 2 | Petrushka's Cell | 4:24 |
| 3 | The Moor's Cell | 7:01 |
| 4 | The Shrove-Tide Fair (evening) | 14:24 |

The Song of the Nightingale

(Le Chant du rossignol) 21:01

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| 5 | Introduction | 2:26 |
| 6 | Chinese March | 3:29 |
| 7 | Song of the Nightingale | 3:24 |
| 8 | Game of the Mechanical
Nightingale | 11:42 |

Seattle Symphony • Gerard Schwarz



Recorded on 4 & 5 January 1988 (*Petrushka*); 20 & 21 October 1986 (*Song of the Nightingale*)
at the Seattle Center Opera House, USA

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Assistant Engineers: Al Swanson, Laura Wirthlin (*Petrushka*) • Associate Engineer: Al Swanson
(*Song of the Nightingale*) • Production Associate: Phyllis Bernard (*Song of the Nightingale*)

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