

In the wake of his *First Symphony*'s catastrophic première, Rachmaninov took a decade before commencing his *Second*, painstakingly revising it before conducting the triumphant première in 1908. Although haunted, like his *First*, by the *Dies irae* chant melody, the *Second Symphony* brims with Rachmaninov's revitalised assurance as a composer, from its brooding opening to the vigorous grandeur of its conclusion. Eric Carmen borrowed the third movement's poignant theme for his popular song *Never Gonna Fall In Love Again*, a tribute to the enduring power of Rachmaninov's Romantic genius.

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**RACHMANINOV**  
 (1873-1943)

**Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27**

1	Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14	6:38
	Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27	54:05
2	Largo – Allegro moderato	18:10
3	Allegro molto	9:00
4	Adagio	13:32
5	Allegro vivace	13:23

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra • Leonard Slatkin**

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