

Busoni embodied an essentially recreative approach to the music of the past. His Bach transcriptions reveal an absolute command of intricate polyphony and a limpid clarity. Mozart stood as an aesthetic and technical exemplar while Cramer's little-known *Etudes* are adapted for modern piano technique. Busoni preserved the Lutheran austerity of Brahms's *Chorale Preludes for Organ*, Op. 122 whereas in the *Mephisto Waltz No. 1* he augments Liszt's heady writing with a super-virtuosity of his own.

Ferruccio
BUSONI
(1866–1924)

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4	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) / Ferruccio Busoni Andantino, from Piano Concerto No. 9, K271, B 84	10:21
5–12	Johann Baptist Cramer (1771–1858) / Ferruccio Busoni Eight Études, B 53	18:13
13–18	Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) / Ferruccio Busoni Chorale Preludes for Organ, Op. 122, B 50	17:48
19	Franz Liszt (1811–1886) / Ferruccio Busoni Mephisto Waltz 'Dance in the Village Inn', S110, No. 2, B 61	12:59

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