

During his lifetime Anton Rubinstein gained a considerable reputation as a piano virtuoso the equal of Liszt, and for a stream of distinctive compositions, among them symphonies and operas. He was also responsible for revolutionising standards in Russian teaching and performance – yet despite his eminence many of his works have been overlooked. *Le Bal*, Op. 14 presents a characteristic ballroom scene in ten sections full of energy and rich sentiment. This miniature drama charts the anticipation of the dancer, a series of eventful dances and a final reflection on what has been.

Anton
RUBINSTEIN
(1829–1894)

Le Bal ('The Ball'), Op. 14 (1854, rev. 1871)	81:52
1 No. 1. Impatience: Allegro agitato	6:30
2 No. 2. Polonaise	8:16
3 No. 3. Contredanse:	
4 Introduction – Allegro – Moderato	1:33
5 No. 1. Tempo I	1:49
6 No. 2. Allegretto non troppo	2:37
7 No. 3. Allegretto	2:36
8 No. 4. Allegretto vivace	2:20
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10 No. 6. Allegro molto	4:04
11 No. 4. Valse: Allegro	10:10
12 No. 5. Intermezzo: Andante – Presto – Allegro molto agitato	2:31
13 No. 6. Polka: Allegretto con moto	6:47
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16 No. 9. Galop: Allegro molto	8:10
17 No. 10. Le Rêve: Andante	9:01
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