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MODEST MUSSORGSKY

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The Great Gate of Kiev resounds to the tumultuous bell rings that end *Pictures at an Exhibition*, one of the most magnificent and virtuosic of all piano pieces. However, to some of his contemporaries, Modest Mussorgsky was 'insane' and 'a perfect idiot'. Born into a wealthy land-owning family, what drove this tormented man and why did he suffer with psychological breakdowns and alcoholism? How did he achieve a command of the realist idiom in his stage works? Illustrated with some of Mussorgsky's finest works, the biographical narrative includes excerpts from *Songs and Dances of Death*, *Boris Godunov*, *Night on Bald Mountain* and, of course, *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet.

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