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The Bayreuth Festspielhaus stands today as a testament to Richard Wagner's ambition and self-importance – a theatre designed and built solely for the performances of his immersive 'music dramas'. From the influence of Beethoven to the transcendental properties of his greatest music, Wagner's work became a cornerstone of European musical culture, but what kind of journey took him towards this remarkable achievement? In this fascinating audio biography we hear about Wagner's tempestuous personal life, his controversial political views and his struggles to establish himself as one of the most influential musical visionaries of the 19th century. The narrative is illustrated with excerpts from all of his best-loved operas including the *Ring* cycle, *Tristan und Isolde*, *Lohengrin*, *Der fliegende Holländer*, *Parsifal*, and more.

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