

Józef Wieniawski, younger brother of Henryk, was a prolific Polish composer and virtuoso pianist renowned throughout Europe. After studies in Paris he spent two years in Weimar studying with and absorbing the compositional style of Franz Liszt – Wieniawski's work combines the pianistic flair and poetic intensity of both Liszt and his fellow countryman Chopin. These qualities can be heard in the four *Polonaises*, the first of which is virtuosic and characterful. Andrew Cannestra's album of Józef Wieniawski's piano works, including *Polonaises Nos. 2–4*, is available on 8.574583.

Józef
WIENIAWSKI
(1837–1912)

1 Polonaise No. 1 in C major, Op. 13
(pub. c. 1858)

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Andrew Cannestra, Piano

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