



The premiere of Rachmaninov's *Symphony No. 1 in D minor* was a notorious failure. It took until the 1940s for the work to gain recognition, and it contains much that is recognisable from the composer's later works – brooding intensity, lyricism and yearning, orchestral colour and grandeur, written in a profoundly Russian manner. Unperformed during his lifetime, *Prince Rostislav* exudes qualities of melancholy and voluptuousness familiar from his other works, as well as including, as does the *Symphony*, Rachmaninov's pervasive use of the *Dies irae*. These acclaimed Vox recordings conducted by Leonard Slatkin were originally issued in 1977 and 1982.

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**Sergey
RACHMANINOV**
(1873–1943)

Symphony No. 1 in D minor, Op. 13 (1895)	44:13
① I. Grave – Allegro non troppo	14:02
② II. Allegro animato	8:39
③ III. Larghetto	9:04
④ IV. Allegro con fuoco	12:29
⑤ Prince Rostislav: Symphonic Poem after Aleksey Tolstoy (1891)	17:59

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
Leonard Slatkin

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