



Sergey Rachmaninov felt compelled to compose 'because I must give expression to my feelings, just as I talk to give utterance to my thoughts'. His fame as a pianist initially overshadowed his stature as a composer, but it is the emotional intensity and lyrical expressiveness of scores such as the *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* that we appreciate today. The youthful and sweepingly extrovert *First Piano Concerto* has hints of Tchaikovsky, while the marvellous *Fourth Concerto* is truly emblematic of Rachmaninov's glorious final creative period.

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**Sergey  
RACHMANINOV**  
(1873–1943)

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| <b>1–3</b>  | <b>Piano Concerto No. 1 in F sharp minor, Op. 1 (1919 version)</b> | <b>25:51</b> |
| <b>4–6</b>  | <b>Piano Concerto No. 4 in G minor, Op. 40 (1941 version)</b>      | <b>24:05</b> |
| <b>7–32</b> | <b>Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43 (1934)</b>              | <b>23:28</b> |

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**St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**  
**Leonard Slatkin**

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