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(1841–1904)

	Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 53, B. 108 (1879, revised 1882–83)	**29:10**
1	I. Allegro ma non troppo	9:54
2	II. Adagio ma non troppo	9:09
3	III. Finale: Allegro giocoso, ma non troppo	10:07
	Piano Concerto in G minor, Op. 33, B. 63 (1876)	**36:52**
4	I. Allegro agitato	18:02
5	II. Andante sostenuto	8:12
6	III. Allegro con fuoco	10:38

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