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Playing Time

67:41



The *Symphony No. 3 'Scottish'* was inspired by Mendelssohn's sightseeing visit in 1829 – it wasn't completed until 1842 and is one of the composer's last orchestral works. Visiting Holyrood Chapel, he wrote in a letter that 'Everything is ruined, decayed, and the clear heavens pour in. I think I have found there the beginning of my "Scottish" Symphony.' The work's unity and cyclic structure is balanced by the stormy poetry of the writing. Romanian-born conductor Sergiu Comissiona galvanised the Baltimore Symphony turning it into an orchestra of national prominence during his tenure as Music Director from 1969 to 1984. Their previously unreleased 1977 recording of excerpts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a new discovery from the Vox archives.

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**Felix  
MENDELSSOHN**  
(1809–1847)

**Symphony No. 3 in A minor 'Scottish', Op. 56, MWV N18 (1842)**

1	I. Andante con moto – Allegro un poco agitato – Andante come prima	40:34
2	II. Vivace non troppo	16:40
3	III. Adagio	4:18
4	IV. Allegro vivacissimo – Allegro maestoso assai	9:33
		10:03

**A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op. 61, MWV M13 (excerpts) (1843)\*** 27:03

5	Overture, Op. 21, MWV P3	12:00
6	No. 1: Scherzo (after Act I)	4:40
7	No. 7: Nocturne (after Act III)	5:52
8	No. 9: Wedding March (after Act IV)	4:31

\*Previously unreleased

**Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**  
**Sergiu Comissiona**

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