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Béla
Bartók
(1881-1945)

Violin Concertos Nos. 1 and 2

György Pauk, Violin

National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra (Katowice)

Antoni Wit, Conductor

Playing
Time
61:55

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Violin Concerto No. 1 Sz. 36

20:22

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| 1 | Andante sostenuto | 10:09 |
| 2 | Allegro giocoso | 11:58 |

Violin Concerto No. 2 Sz. 112

39:37

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| 3 | Allegro non troppo | 17:10 |
| 4 | Andante tranquillo | 10:24 |
| 5 | Allegro molto | 12:03 |

Bartók's two *Violin Concertos* are among the 20th century masterpieces for the instrument. Completed when he was a youthful 27, the first is a tender work dedicated to a young violinist, Stefi Geyer, in whom he had confided his innermost feelings. It was never performed in his lifetime, and remained unpublished until 1959. Bartók's *Second Concerto* was written thirty years after the first. It is a frequently turbulent score which yet contains one of the most exquisite slow movements in the violin repertoire.

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