The great German composer Richard Wagner was one of the major creative figures of the nineteenth century, whose crowning achievement was the creation of Bayreuth and the monumental Der Ring. This collection of overtures dates mainly from Wagner's early twenties when the composer was learning his craft in provincial opera houses under the influence of Berlioz. Meverbeer and Weber. They are expertly written works with unmistakable signs of the mastery of orchestration and exuberance of melodic invention that were to follow. The concluding Faust overture, originally intended as the opening movement of a proposed Faust Symphony, was completed in 1855.

Richard WAGNER (1813-1883)

1	Rienzi	11:09
2	König Enzio (King Enzio)	9:27
3	Das Liebesverbot (The Ban on Love)	7:36
4	Die Feen (The Fairies)	10:40
5	Christoph Columbus	7:56
6	Faust	12:19

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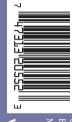
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