

The 'romantic avant-gardism' of Barcelona-born Leonardo Balada pairs complex techniques with a very direct emotional impact. These characteristics have often been employed in exploring the impact of historical events, none more so than the wars of the 20th century. *Symphony No. 6 'Symphony of Sorrows' (Dedicated to the Innocent Victims of the Spanish Civil War)* embeds traditional melodic ideas in a coruscating single-movement exploration of the tragedies of war. The *Steel Symphony* reflects the sonorities – in an abstract, non-programmatic way – of Pittsburgh's steel foundries, while the *Concerto for Three Cellos*, inspired by Germany's recovery after two catastrophic world wars, combines complex techniques in a vivid work of almost surrealistic transformations.



Leonardo  
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| <b>1</b> | <b>Symphony No. 6 'Symphony of Sorrows' (2005)*</b>                            | <b>18:43</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Concerto for Three Cellos and Orchestra<br/>'A German Concerto' (2006)*</b> | <b>21:23</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Steel Symphony (1972)</b>   | <b>19:49</b> |



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**Hans-Jakob Eschenburg, Michael Sanderling,  
Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt, Cellos 2**

**Galicia Symphony Orchestra 1**

**Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra 2 • Eivind Gullberg Jensen 2**

**Barcelona Symphony Orchestra (Orquestra Simfònica de  
Barcelona i Nacional de Catalunya) 3 • Jesús López-Cobos 1 3**

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