



Smithsonian Associates

More Concertos: Front & Center!

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NOV 9 The Glory of Virtuosity

There's a good reason why the majestic crowd-pleasers continue to be programmed in our concert halls. Dazzling display allies itself with profound emotional pull as Romantic era composers provided a platform for musical superstardom throughout the 19th century and beyond. Included:

Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concertos, Victor Herbert's Cello Concerto, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto no. 2, Schumann's Konzertstück for 4 horns and more.

Works explored, media used:

L. V. Beethoven, 1770-1827

Piano concerto no. 4 in G, Op. 58

- Hélène Grimaud, Orchestre de Paris, Christoph Eschenbach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8siki1iGkU0>

"Triple" Concerto for Violin, Cello & Piano in C Major, Op. 56

- Giora Schmidt, violin, Zuill Bailey, cello, Navah Perlman, piano, Itzhak Perlman, conductor, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vtyod61mB6A>

Carl Maria von Weber, 1786-1826

Clarinet concerto No. 2. In E flat, Op. 74

- Martin Fröst, Jean-Jacques Kantorow, Tapiola Sinfonietta

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFNcwLu3uFs>

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Violin concerto in E minor, Op. 64

- Yehudi Menuhin, Antal Doráti, Hollywood Symphonic Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Kgg882Yt90>

Pyotr Tchaikovsky, 1840-1893

Violin concerto in D, Op. 35

- Julia Fischer, Vasily Petrenko, Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovFPKu00cCc>

Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra, Op. 86

- Maria Teiwes, Mia Schwarzfischer, Matías Piñeira, Christina Hambach, Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, Valery Gergiev

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpfJ2ghmAsI>

Frederic Chopin, 1810-1849

Piano concerto no. 2 in F minor, Op. 21

- Evgeny Kissin, Charles Dutoit, Verbier Festival Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n4momu2DIw>

Johannes Brahms, 1840-1897

Piano concerto no. 1 in D, Op. 15

- Artur Rubinstein, Bernard Haitink, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXd0omiCuA4>

Double concerto for violin & cello, Op. 102

- Anna-Liisa Bezrodny, Jan-Erik Gustafsson, Neeme Järvi, Estonian National Symphony Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8Zxq8jGIF4>

Victor Herbert, 1859-1924

Cello concerto no. 2 in E minor, Op. 30

- Mark Kosower, JoAnn Falletta, Ulster Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpFrgxUd-zY>

Giovanni Bottesini, 1821-1889

Concerto No. 2 in B minor for Double Bass

- Mikyung Sung, Clay Couturiaux, Bradetich Competition Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9qtVO3OvfY>

Sergei Rachmaninoff, 1873-1943

Piano concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 35

- Yuja Wang, Michael Tilson Thomas, London Symphony Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kx6uIEDcMCE>