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FREDERIC CHOPIN

## « The Essentials »

Multiple performers

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Idealised by romantic myth, Frédéric Chopin is undoubtedly one of the most celebrated composers in history. This virtuoso pianist devoted his whole output to his instrument and developed a unique style which made him 'an extraordinary artist' (Berlioz). Here the musicians of harmonia mundi present some of his most famous pieces, a glimpse of the inner world of this genius who 'made use of art solely to fulfil his own tragic destiny' (Liszt).

### Artists

- Brigitte Engerer  
Piano
- Jon Nakamatsu  
Piano
- Frederic Chiu  
Piano
- Alain Planès  
Piano
- Alexandre Tharaud  
Piano
- Cédric Tiberghien  
Piano
- Olga Kern  
Piano
- Nobuyuki Tsujii  
Piano
- Olga Kern  
Piano
- Warsaw  
Philharmonic
- Antoni Wit  
Conductor

### Composers

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FREDERIC CHOPIN [1810-1849]

- **Andante spianato op.22** (5'02)
- **Nocturne op.9 no.2 in E flat major** (4'34)
- **Valse op.69 no.1 in A flat major** (3'01)
- **"Grande Valse brillante" op.18 in E flat major** (5'19)
- **Ballade no.1 op.23 in G minor. Largo moderato** (9'35)
- **Etude op.10 no.3 "Tristesse" in E major** (4'44)
- **Prélude op.28 no.6 in B minor. Lento assai** (2'08)
- **Prélude op.28 no.15 in D flat major. Sostenuto** (5'44)
- **Sonate no.2 op.35 in E minor. III. Marche funèbre** (10'31)

- **Mazurka op.7 no.1 in B flat major** (2'13)
- **Polonaise "héroïque" op.53 in A flat major** (6'57)
- **Fantaisie-impromptu op.66** (5'22)
- **Etude op.10 no.1 in C major** (1'54)
- **Etude op.10 no.12 in C minor** (2'34)
- **Concerto no.1. III. Rondo: Vivace** (9'40)