

Karajan's recordings of Brahms' music are part of his extensive discography, and they continue to be influential. While some critics appreciate his approach for its technical brilliance and sonic beauty, others may find it a matter of personal taste, as interpretations of classical music can vary among conductors.

It's important to note that interpretations of classical music, including Brahms' works, can be subjective, and different conductors bring their own perspectives to the compositions. Herbert von Karajan's recordings of Brahms reflect his distinctive style and have left a lasting impact on the classical music landscape.

HERBERT VON KARAJAN

Brahms Symphony No. 2

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Herbert von Karajan conducted several notable performances and recordings of Johannes Brahms' works, including his symphonies. His interpretations of Brahms' music are often praised for their precision, clarity, and the lush sound he elicited from the orchestras he conducted. Here are a few highlights of Karajan's conducting of Brahms:

Karajan recorded complete cycles of Brahms' four symphonies with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. These recordings are highly regarded for their technical brilliance, rich orchestral textures, and the conductor's ability to bring out the emotional depth of Brahms' compositions.

In line with his penchant for structural clarity, Karajan sometimes employed a cyclic approach

in interpreting Brahms' symphonies. This involves highlighting connections between different movements by emphasizing recurring thematic material.

Karajan's long-standing collaboration with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra was particularly fruitful for Brahms' music. The orchestra's warm and cohesive sound, combined with Karajan's meticulous direction, resulted in performances that are considered benchmarks in the interpretation of Brahms.

In addition to symphonies, his interpretations of Brahms' Piano Concertos, Violin Concerto, and other works showcase his ability to collaborate with soloists and create cohesive, expressive performances.

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- 1 Allegro Non Troppo 15:39
- 2 Adagio Non Troppo - L'Istesso Tempo, Ma Grazioso 10:53
- 3 Allegretto Grazioso (Quasi Andantino)
Presto Ma Non Assai - Tempo 5:18
- 4 Allegro Con Spirito 9:04

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