

the solo violin and the orchestra. Allegro energico: The final movement is energetic and fiery, filled with dazzling virtuosity and thrilling passages.

Both of these concertos exhibit Prokofiev's distinctive style, combining elements of neoclassicism with his own modern and sometimes edgy harmonies. They demand technical brilliance from the soloist and offer a range of emotional expression.

This recording, featuring Ruggiero Ricci with Ernest Ansermet conducting, is highly regarded among the available recordings. Sergei Prokofiev's Violin Concertos 1 and 2 are two significant works in the violin concerto repertoire.

Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 19: This concerto was composed between 1915 and 1917 and premiered in 1923. It consists of three movements:

Andantino: This movement begins with a lyrical and expressive violin solo that sets the tone for the entire concerto. It showcases both delicate and virtuosic passages. Scherzo: Vivacissimo: This movement is characterized by its energetic and playful nature, featuring rapid and nimble violin passages.

Moderato: This movement starts with a haunt-

ingly beautiful melody and builds up to a thrilling and intense finale.

Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63: This concerto was composed between 1935 and 1936 and premiered in 1935. It consists of four movements:

Allegro moderato: The concerto opens with a dramatic and intense theme presented by the violin, followed by virtuosic passages and moments of lyrical beauty.

Andante assai: This movement is characterized by its lyrical and melancholic melodies, showcasing the expressive capabilities of the violin.

Allegro ben marcato: A lively and rhythmic movement featuring lively interplay between

## Prokofiev Violin Concertos No 1 and 2 Violin – Ruggiero Ricci

Ernest Ansermet conducts the L'Orchestre De La Suisse Romande

## Violin Concerto No. 1 In D Major, Op. 19

- 1 Andantino 9:09
- 2 Scherzo Vivacissimo 3:36
- 3 Moderato 7:25
- Violin Concerto No. 2 In G Minor, Op. 63
- 4 Allegro Moderato 10:02
- 5 Andante Assai 8:39
- 6 Allegro, Ben Marcato 6:29

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