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# **Dmitri Shostakovich** (1906-1975)

(Russian modernist composer, st. Petrograd Conservatoire; collaborative but uneasy relationship with the Communist régime, criticized as decadent by party publications)

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Shostakovich, Dmitri. *Two Fables of Krylov* op. 4. Larissa Dyadkova. Women's Voices of the Gothenburg Opera. In Shostakovich, *The Orchestral Songs, Vol. 1.* Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra / Neeme Järvi. CD. Hamburg: Deutsche Grammophon, 1994.\* ("The Dragonfly and the Ant"; "The Ass and the Nightingale").

*\_\_\_\_\_. Symphony no. 1 in F., Op. 10.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 2 in B Major, Op. 14 "October".*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 3 in E Flat Major Op. 20 "The First of May."*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Nose.* Opera. 1928.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Six Romances on Japanese Poems.* 1928-1932. First performed 1966.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The New Babylon.* Music for the film *Novy Vavilon,* dir. by Leonid Trauberg. 1929.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Zolotovy Vek (The Golden Age).* Ballet. 1930.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Bolt,* op. 27. Ballet score. 1931.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Bolt.* In Shostakovich. *The Dance Album: The Bolt, The Gadfly, Cheryomushki Suites.* The Philadelphia Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk District.* Opera in 4 acts, nine scenes. Libretto by Alexander Preis and Dmitri Shostakovich, after the short story by Nikolai Leskov. 1932. Premiere at the Theatre Maly, Meningrad, 22 Jan. 1934.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *The Opposite Plan* (= *Turbine 5.000*) Music for the film. 1932. (Includes world hit song "Against of a cool morning").

\_\_\_\_\_. *Suite No. 1 for Jazz Orchestra.* 1934.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Suite No. 1 for Jazz Orchestra.* In Shostakovich, *Jazz Music: Jazz Suites 1 & 2. Piano Concerto NO. 1- Tea for Two.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Bright Stream.* Ballet. 1935.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphonies nos. 1 & 7 "Leningrad."* Chicago Symphony Orchestra/ Leonard Bernstein.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Maxim's Youth.* Music for the film. 1935.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Maxim's Return.* Musc for the film.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no.4 in C Minor, Op. 43.* C. 1936.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Three Romances on Poems by Pushkin* op. 46a. 1936. In Shostakovich, *The Orchestral Songs, Vol. 1.* Sergei Leiferkus. Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra / Neeme Järvi. CD. Hamburg: Deutsche Grammophon, 1994.\* ("Regeneration"; "A Jealous Maiden"; "Premonition").

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 6 in B.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 7 in C., Op. 60 "Leningrad."*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 8 in C minor, Op. 65.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 9 in E Flat Major.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Four Romances.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Friends.* Music for the film. 1937.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 5.* 1937.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Great Citizen (Part I).* Music for the film. 1938.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Man with the Rifle.* Music for the film. 1938.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Suite No. 2 for Jazz Orchestra.* 1938.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Suite No. 2 for Jazz Orchestra.* In Shostakovich, *Jazz Music: Jazz Suites 1 & 2. Piano Concerto No. 1- Tea for Two.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Wyborg-Side.* Music for the film. 1938.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Six Romances on Verses by Raleigh, Burns and Shakespeare* op. 62/140. 1942. (1. "To His Sonne"; 2. "O wert thou in the cauld blast"; 3. "McPherson's Farewell"; 4. "Jenny"; 5. "Sonnet LXVI"; 6. "The King's Campaign."). Sergei Leiferkus, bass. In Shostakovich, *The Orchestral Songs, Vol. 1.* Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra / Neeme Järvi. CD. Hamburg: Deutsche Grammophon, 1994.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *First Violin Concerto.* 1947-4.

\_\_\_\_\_. *From Jewish Folk Poetry,* op. 79a (1. Lament for a dead infant. 2. Fussy Mummy and auntie. 3. Lullaby. 4. Before a long separation. 5. A Warning. 6. The Deserted Father. 7. A Song of Poverty. 8. Winter. 9. The Good Life. 10. A Girl's Song. 11. Happiness). 1948. Luba Orgonasova, Nathalie Stutzmann, Philip Langridge. In Shostakovich, *The Orchestral Songs, Vol. 1.* Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra / Neeme Järvi. CD. Hamburg: Deutsche Grammophon, 1994.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 10 in E Minor, Op. 93.*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 11 in G Minor, Op. 103 "Year 1905".*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 12 in D Minor, Op. 112, "The Year 1917".*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Meeting on the Elbe River.* Music for the film. 1948.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Mitschurin.* Music for the film. 1948.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Fall of Berlin.* Music for the film. 1949.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Fourth Quartet.* 1949.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Song of the Forests.* (Winner of the Stalin Prize).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Ballet Suite No. 1.* 1950.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Ballet Suite No. 1.* Arr. Levon Atovmyan. In Shostakovich, *Ballet Suites 1 & 3. Suites 1 & 2 for Jazz Orchestra.* Radio-Sinfonie-Orchester Frankfurt / Dmitri Kitaenko. CD. (RCA Victor Red Seal). BMG, 1997.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Unforgettable Year 1919.* Music for the film. 1951.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Ballet Suite No. 3.* 1952.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Ballet Suite No. 3.* Arr. Levon Atovmyan. In Shostakovich, *Ballet Suites 1 & 3. Suites 1 & 2 for Jazz Orchestra.* Radio-Sinfonie-Orchester Frankfurt / Dmitri Kitaenko. CD. (RCA Victor Red Seal). BMG, 1997.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphonies nos. 6 & 9.* Wiener Philharmoniker / Leonard Bernstein.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 7 "Leningrad."* In Shostakovich, *Symphonies nos. 1 & 7 "Leningrad."* Chicago Symphony Orchestra/ Leonard Bernstein.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 8.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam / Bernard Haitink. CD. (Eloquence). Universal Classics-Decca.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony no. 9.* In Shostakovich, *Symphonies nos. 6 & 9.* Wiener Philharmoniker / Leonard Bernstein.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Owod* (*The Gadfly).* Music for Alexander Fainzimmer's film, based on Ethel Lilian Voynich's novel. 1955.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Gadfly.* Suite from the film music of *The Gadfly,* op. 97a. 1955. In *Hamlet. The Gadfly.* Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra / Leonid Grin. CD. Frechen (Germany): Delta Music-Capriccio, 1989.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Gadfly.* In Shostakovich. *The Dance Album: The Bolt, The Gadfly, Cheryomushki Suites.* The Philadelphia Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Gadfly.* (Romance). In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Moscow-Tscherjomuschki.* Operetta. 1958.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Cheryomushki Suites.* In Shostakovich. *The Dance Album: The Bolt, The Gadfly, Cheryomushki Suites.* The Philadelphia Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Five Days, Five Nights.* Music for the film. 1960.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 13 for Bass Solo, Bass Choir and Orchestra in B Flat Minor, Op. 113 "Babi Yar".* 1962.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 14, op. 135. Six Poems of Marina Tsvetaeva, Op. 143a.* Julia Varády, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. Ortrun Wenkel. Concertgebouw Orchestra / Bernard Haitink. Recorded 1981, 1983. CD. London: Decca, 1986.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Symphony No. 14 for Soprano, Bass, String Orchestra and Percussion, Op. 135.*  (1. García Lorca, 'De profundis'; 2. García Lorca, 'Malagueña'; 3. Loreley; 4. Apollinaire, 'The Suicide'; 5. Apollinaire, 'On Watch!'; 6. Apollinaire, 'Madam!'; 7. Apollinaire, 'In the Santé'; 8. Apollinaire, 'The Zaporogian Cossacks' Reply to the Sultan of Constantinople'; 9. Küchelbecker, 'O Delvig, Delvig!'; 10. Rilke, 'Death of the Poet'; 11. Rilke, 'Conclusion'." Evgenya Tselovalnik, soprano. Eveny Nesternenko, bass. Soloists from the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra. Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra / Kirill Kondrahsin. In Shostakovich, "Symphonies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15." Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra / Kirill Kondrashin. Rec. 1961-75, remastered 2017.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Hamlet.* Excerpts. In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Tenth Quartet.* 1964.

\_\_\_\_\_. *King Lear.* Music for Kozintsev's film. 1970.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Wolotschajewer Days.* Music for the film.

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\_\_\_\_\_. *Alone.* Music for the film by Kozintsev and Trauberg.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Alone.* Excerpts. In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Tale of the Silly Little Mouse.* In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Great Citizen* ("Funeral March"). In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

\_\_\_\_\_. *Sofia Perovskaya* ("Waltz"). In Shostakovich, *The Film Album.* Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra / Riccardo Chailly. CD. London: Decca, 1999.\*

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