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# BACH • MOZART MENDELSSOHN

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Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Violin Concerto No. 2 in E major, BWV 1042

- 1 Allegro
- 2 Adagio
- 3 Allegro assai

17:39  
8:01  
6:48  
2:50

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)  
Violin Concerto No. 4 in D major, K. 218

- 4 Allegro
- 5 Larghetto
- 6 Allegro

25:12  
9:25  
8:06  
7:41

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64

- 7 Allegro
- 8 Larghetto
- 9 Menuetto

27:26  
12:52  
8:18  
6:16

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David Oistrakh, Violin  
The Philadelphia Orchestra  
Eugene Ormandy

This edition of the first American recordings by the great Ukrainian violinist, David Oistrakh, takes us back to a golden age. Made in one astonishingly long burst of creativity on Christmas Eve 1955, they demonstrate a legendary violinist at his absolute peak, recorded in better sound than he could have expected in his own country and sympathetically supported by a great orchestra and conductor. Oistrakh brought to his interpretations of the classics a big, beautiful tone, a sturdy sense of rhythm and a feeling of latent power, which frequently imparted a creative tension to many of his performances, as can be sensed in the Mendelssohn *E minor Concerto* here, the second of his two official recordings of this masterpiece. This fine Philadelphia recording of the Bach *E major Concerto* was the first of three that he made in the studio, while the Mozart was the first and better of his two commercial recordings.

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