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Photograph of Marc-André Hamelin by Sim Canetty-Clarke

Composers: **Franz Liszt** (1811–1886)
Sigismond Thalberg (1812–1871)

Title: **Opera transcriptions & fantasies**

Artist: **Marc-André Hamelin**

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LISZT, after VINCENZO BELLINI (1801–1835)

Hexaméron 'Morceau de concert' S392 [20'49]

- 1 Introduction: Extrêmement lent [3'56]
- 2 Tema: Allegro marziale [1'25]
- 3 Variation I: Ben marcato THALBERG [0'56]
- 4 Variation II: Moderato [2'49]
- 5 Variation III di bravura PIXIS – Ritornello LISZT [1'19]
- 6 Variation IV: Legato e grazioso HERZ [1'23]
- 7 Variation V: Vivo e brillante CZERNY – Fuocoso molto energico; Lento quasi recitativo LISZT [3'26]
- 8 Variation VI: Largo CHOPIN – [coda] LISZT [2'31]
- 9 Finale: Molto vivace quasi prestissimo [3'04]

THALBERG, after GAETANO DONIZETTI (1797–1848)

Grande fantaisie sur des motifs de Don Pasquale Op 67 [14'15]

LISZT, after GIUSEPPE VERDI (1813–1901)

Ernani de Verdi '[Deuxième] Paraphrase de Concert' S432 [7'36]

THALBERG, after GIOACHINO ROSSINI (1792–1868)

Fantaisie sur des thèmes de Moïse Op 33 [14'57]

LISZT, after VINCENZO BELLINI (1801–1835)

Réminiscences de Norma de Bellini 'Grande fantaisie' S394 [17'25]

If, as Liszt himself dubbed it, 'Hexaméron' is 'a monster', it's a monster which certainly holds no terrors for Marc-André Hamelin, and the encounter between them makes for some thrilling pianism. The remainder of the recital—high-octane transformations of nineteenth-century operatic favourites—is every bit as electrifying, from a musician who never ceases to astonish whatever the repertoire.



SAMUIL FEINBERG (1890–1962)

Piano Sonatas Nos 1–6 CDA68233

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