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# THE COMPLETE BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTOS

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PIANO  
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A student of the late Claudio Arrau, Mr. **Ohlsson** is especially noted for his masterly performances of the works of Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert, as well as the Romantic repertoire. To-date, he is the only American ever to win first prize in the International Chopin Piano Competition. Ohlsson has also been nominated for three Grammy Awards®, winning one in 2008 for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance (without Orchestra) for *Beethoven Sonatas, Vol. 3*. This new recording represents a pinnacle in his career.

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In addition to being Music Director of GTMF, Sir Donald **Runnicles** is General Music Director of the Deutsche Oper Berlin (DOB) since 2009, and in his final season as Principal Guest Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony since 2001. Runnicles enjoys close and enduring relationships with many of the most significant opera companies and symphony orchestras. His recording of Wagner arias with Jonas Kaufmann and the Orchestra of the Deutsche Oper Berlin won the 2013 Gramophone prize for Best Vocal Recording, and his recording of Janáček's *Jenůfa* with the Orchestra and Chorus of the Deutsche Oper Berlin was nominated for a 2016 GRAMMY® award for Best Opera Recording.

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## DISC 1 (69:28)

### PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 IN C MAJOR, OP. 15 (1795/1800)

*flute, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, strings, and solo piano*

[1] I. Allegro con brio [2] II. Largo [3] III. Rondo-Allegro

### PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 IN B-FLAT MAJOR, OP. 19 (1788/1795)

*flute, 2 oboes, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, strings, and solo piano*

[4] I. Allegro con brio [5] II. Adagio [6] III. Rondo-Allegro molto

## DISC 2 (72:09)

### PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3 IN C MINOR, OP. 37 (1800)

*2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, strings, and solo piano*

[1] I. Allegro con brio [2] II. Largo [3] III. Rondo-Allegro

### PIANO CONCERTO NO. 4 IN G MAJOR, OP. 58 (1808)

*flute, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, strings, and solo piano*

[4] I. Allegro moderato [5] II. Andante con moto [6] III. Rondo-Vivace

## DISC 3 (44:19)

### PIANO CONCERTO NO. 5 IN E-FLAT MAJOR "EMPEROR," OP. 73 (1809)

*2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, strings, and solo piano*

[1] I. Allegro [2] II. Adagio un poco moto [3] III. Rondo-Allegro, ma non troppo

[4] Overture to *The Creatures of Prometheus*, OP. 43 (1801)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 3:05:56

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