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We present you this time:



Ludwig van Beethoven
Symphony No.1, C Major, Op. 21
Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra
conducted by
Herbert von Karajan
recorded 1961-1962



Herbert von Karajan was born 5. April 1908 in Salzburg, Austria, died 16. July 1989 in Anif, Austria. Karajan was an Austrian conductor, and was principal conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic for 35 years. During the Nazi era, he debuted at the Salzburg festival, with the Vienna Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, and during the Second World War he conducted at the Berlin State Opera. Generally regarded as one of the greatest conductors of the 20th century, he was a controversial but dominant figure in European classical music from the mid-1950s until his death. Part of the reason for this was the large number of recordings he made and their prominence during his lifetime. By one estimate he was the top-selling classical music recording artist of all time, having sold an estimated 200 million records. Karajan was famous for conducting with closed eyes. Karajan was married 3 times and got 2 daughters with his last wife



Ludwig van Beethoven, born and baptized in Bonn on 17. December 1770, died 26. March 1827 in Vienna. Beethoven was a German composer and pianist. His music is amongst the most performed of the classical music repertoire, and he is one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music. He never married or had children.

Berlin Philharmonic

The Berlin Philharmonic is a German orchestra based in Berlin. It is consistently ranked in the top handful of orchestras in the world, with many rating it as the best, distinguished amongst peers for its virtuosity and compelling sound. The Berlin Philharmonic was founded in Berlin in 1882 by 54 musicians and had several conductors in the early days until 1923, when Wilhelm Furtwängler became chief conductor. Sergiu Celibidache took his position in 1945 until 1952, and then Furtwängler took it back until 1954. He was succeeded by Herbert von Karajan, who led the orchestra for 35 years until 1989. The next chief conductors were Claudio Abbado, Sir Simon Rattle, and Kirill Petrenko, who is since 2019 the current chief conductor.



About the tape

Herbert von Karajan recorded all 9 Beethoven Symphonies with the Berlin Philharmonic from 1961 - 1962 in Berlin. The 1. Symphony has 4 movements. **1. Mov:** Adagio molto - Allegro con brio **2. Mov:** Andante cantabile con moto **3. Mov:** Menuetto (Allegro molto e vivace) **4. Mov:** Adagio - Allegro molto e vivace **Total running time: 25'45 min**

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