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TCHAIKOVSKY: SYMPHONY NO. 6 "PATHETIQUE" DUMKA

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA/CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH

PETER TCHAIKOVSKY (1840–1893)

Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op.74 "Pathétique"

[1] I. Adagio – Allegro non troppo
[2] II. Allegro con grazia
[3] III. Allegro molto vivace
[4] IV. Finale: Adagio lamentoso – Andante

The Philadelphia Orchestra
Christoph Eschenbach, *conductor*

[5] **Dumka, Op.59**
(Scenes from a Russian village)
Christoph Eschenbach, *piano*

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One might well call **The Philadelphia Orchestra** playing a **Tchaikovsky** symphony the perfect marriage. Few ensembles have built such a legacy and strong association with the great Russian master. This recording features the final Symphony No. 6 ***"Pathétique."***. Written in the last year of his life, this most melancholic of Tchaikovsky's symphonies is forever associated with the tragedy of his sudden death in 1893. As an added bonus, the disc includes the seldom-heard piano masterpiece *Dumka* performed by Christoph Eschenbach on piano.

With this release, The Philadelphia Orchestra and Christoph Eschenbach have now completed their recordings of the last three Tchaikovsky symphonies for Ondine. Enthusiastic press and success followed on the release of the previous recordings of Tchaikovsky's Fourth and Fifth Symphonies, coupled each with one half of *The Seasons*.

ClassicsToday.com reports, "Eschenbach makes full use of his orchestra's legendary tonal richness and instrumental color-qualities tailor-made for Tchaikovsky's scoring . . . (Artistic Quality 9 / Sound Quality 10)." *Gramophone* writes, "His (piano) touch is magical, with a natural feel for the flexible phrasing that the music calls out for."

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Finest SACD recording technology highlights the unique spirit of a live performance of the legendary Orchestra, as well as of its world-renowned and magnificent "Philadelphia Sound."

This is the seventh CD to be released under the "formidable Ondine-Eschenbach-Philadelphia partnership" (*Gramophone*) which began in 2005, and has produced discs that have been honored with accolades including *BBC Music Magazine*'s Disc of the Month, *Gramophone*'s "Editor's Choice," *The New York Times'* "Top Ten Recordings of the Year," and the German Record Critics' Award, among others.

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