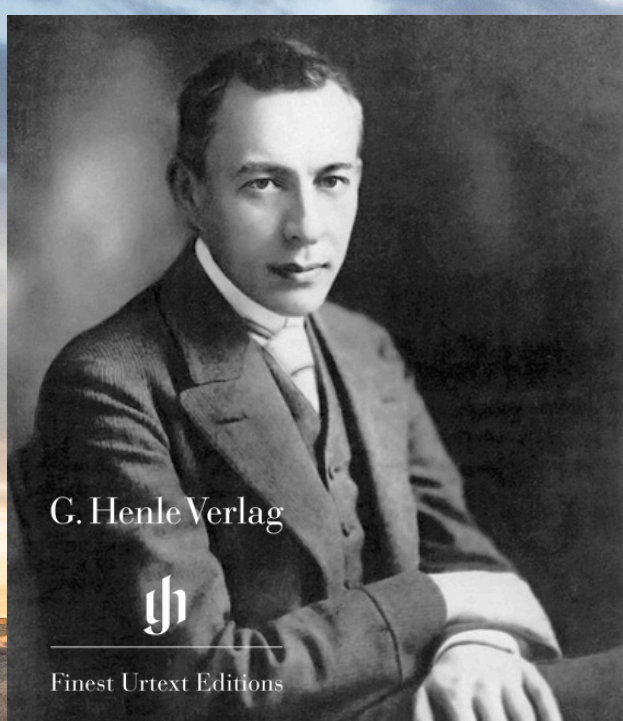


THE LATE ROMANTIC PIANO CONCERTO PAR EXCELLENCE, ENJOYS "CULT STATUS"

# S. RACHMANINOFF

## PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 OP. 18



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### THE CONCERTO ...

- ... was composed in the Russian countryside (summer house) and in Moscow, between autumn 1900 and spring 1901
- After the premiere of Rachmaninoff's First Symphony was savaged by the critics in 1897, Rachmaninoff was unable to complete any significant compositions for three years and underwent psychotherapeutic treatment to overcome his creative crisis and finish this piano concerto.
- The composition is dedicated to his doctor Nikolai Dahl out of gratitude.

### THE HENLE EDITION ...

- ... is the first Urtext edition based on the autograph score in Moscow, which was made available exclusively for this purpose.
- The orchestral score was edited at the same time for Breitkopf & Härtel, so that a complete new performance material is available to match the piano reduction.



Most famous

#### ... passage

Beginning of the first movement: the powerful chords in the piano and then the elegiac Russian melody in the strings ...

#### ... interpreters

Rachmaninoff himself performed it 80! times only in the US. Later: Horowitz, Rubinstein, Richter, Van Cliburn, Ashkenazy and more.

#### ... pop cover

Eric Carmen's "All by Myself" (main theme from the slow movement) from 1975. Because the work had not yet entered public domain everywhere at the time, Carmen subsequently had to share his royalties with the Rachmaninoff heirs ...