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In the wake of his *First Symphony's* catastrophic première, Rachmaninov took a decade before commencing his *Second*, painstakingly revising it before conducting the triumphant première in 1908. Although haunted, like his *First*, by the *Dies irae* chant melody, the *Second Symphony* brims with Rachmaninov's revitalised assurance as a composer, from its brooding opening to the vigorous grandeur of its conclusion. Eric Carmen borrowed the third movement's poignant theme for his popular song *Never Gonna Fall In Love Again*, a tribute to the enduring power of Rachmaninov's Romantic genius.

Sergey  
**RACHMANINOV**  
(1873-1943)

**Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27**

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| 1 | <b>Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14</b>          | <b>6:38</b>  |
|   | <b>Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27</b> | <b>54:05</b> |
| 2 | <b>Largo – Allegro moderato</b>          | <b>18:10</b> |
| 3 | <b>Allegro molto</b>                     | <b>9:00</b>  |
| 4 | <b>Adagio</b>                            | <b>13:32</b> |
| 5 | <b>Allegro vivace</b>                    | <b>13:23</b> |

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra • Leonard Slatkin**

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