

The Virtuoso Piano Transcription Series

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Richard Wagner

1813 – 1883

Isoldes Liebestod

Transkription für Klavier von

Transcription for piano by

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Zur Edition

In der Reihe The Virtuoso Piano Transcription Series stellt Schott Music anspruchsvolle Klaviertranskriptionen bekannter Werke vor.

Diese Art der Kompositionstechnik lässt sich zurückverfolgen bis ins 14. Jahrhundert, als Vokalwerke in Orgel-, später auch in Lautentabulaturen „intavoliert“ („abgesetzt“) wurden. Die heutige Bedeutung des Begriffs geht in erster Linie auf Franz Liszt zurück. Seine Transkriptionen für Klavier machten die Adaption eines Musikstückes in eine dem Original abweichende Besetzung zu mehr als nur einer gewichtigen Werkgruppe in seinem eigenen kompositorischen Schaffen.

Neben den Klaviertranskriptionen, wie etwa denjenigen der Schubert-Lieder, unterscheidet sich Liszt in weiteren besonderen Art der freien Bearbeitung: der Paraphrase, einer Konzertfantasie oder Konzertfassung von bekannten Themen oder Melodien. Vor allem seine Paraphrasen über Opernmelodien aus Wagner, Gounod und Verdi begründeten seinen Weltruhm als Virtuose.

Bis zum heutigen Tage beschäftigen sich Komponisten und Interpreten mit diesen Formen der Klaviermusik. In der vorliegenden Reihe werden musikgeschichtlich interessante Transkriptionen und Paraphrasen der Vergangenheit und bemerkenswerte Klavierarrangements der Gegenwart veröffentlicht.

The Edition

In The Virtuoso Transcription Series Schott Music presents demanding piano transcriptions of well-known compositions.

This type of composition technique can be traced back to the 14th century in a transcription of vocal works for organ, later also "tabulated" (transcribed) for lute. The current meaning of the term derives primarily from Franz Liszt. His own compositions made the transcription, i.e. the adaptation of a piece of music for a scoring other than that of the original, into more than just a substantial group of works within his own musical catalog.

In addition to the transcriptions for piano of the Lieder of Franz Schubert – Liszt devoted himself to a further specialised mode of composition: the paraphrase, a concert fantasy on well-known themes or melodies. This was particularly true of his paraphrases on melodies from operas by Wagner, Gounod, Verdi and others. These forms of piano music were to a large extent responsible for his status as a virtuoso.

Composers and performers have continued to focus their attention on these forms of piano music. Musicologists have also studied them and published remarkable arrangements for piano from the past and present in this series.

L'édition

La maison d'édition Schott Music présente dans la série *The Virtuoso Piano Transcriptions* des transcriptions pour piano de œuvres bien connues.

Cette technique de composition se laisse retracer jusqu'au XIV^e siècle, quand des œuvres vocales sont transcrits en tablature pour orgue et plus tard aussi pour luth. L'emploi contemporain du terme "intavolato" est principalement à Franz Liszt: Ses transcriptions pour piano font des transcriptions d'œuvres pour un autre instrumentation différente de l'original une catégorie assez importante au sein de l'œuvre de Liszt lui-même.

Outre ses transcriptions pour piano, comme p. ex. des *Lieder* de Schubert, Liszt se consacra à une autre discipline de l'adaptation libre : la paraphrase, une fantaisie de concert sur des thèmes ou mélodies connues. Ce furent principalement ses paraphrases sur des mélodies d'opéras de Wagner, Gounod et Verdi qui furent à l'origine de sa renommée mondiale de virtuose.

Jusqu'à nos jours, les compositeurs et les interprètes se consacrent en permanence à ces formes de musique pour piano. Dans la présente série nous publions des transcriptions ou paraphrases pour piano importantes datant du passé et des adaptations remarquables datant de nos jours.

Isoldes Liebestod

Richard Wagner
Transkription von Vestard Shimkus

The musical score for "Isoldes Liebestod" by Richard Wagner, transcribed for piano by Vestard Shimkus. The score is presented in a multi-stave format, likely for a three-piano reduction. It includes staves for the piano's bass and treble clef parts, along with other staves that may represent different voices or harmonies. The music features complex harmonic progressions and rhythmic patterns, typical of Wagner's operatic style. Various dynamic markings such as *sfz*, *f*, *p*, *ff*, and *rit.* are used throughout the score. Performance instructions like *ad lib.*, *sim.*, *cresc.*, and *mf* are also present. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 10, and 15 visible. A large, diagonal watermark reading "PREVIEW" and "Low Resolution" is overlaid across the page.

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f

mp

14 Un poco agitato

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Musical score page 17. The score consists of three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a bass clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 17 starts with a quarter note followed by a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes. Measure 18 begins with a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes.

Musical score page 18. The score consists of three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a bass clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 18 starts with a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes. Measure 19 begins with a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes.

Musical score page 19. The score consists of three staves. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a bass clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). Measure 19 starts with a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes. Measure 20 begins with a eighth note. The middle staff has sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff has eighth notes.

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The image shows three staves of sheet music for piano, likely in 3/4 time, with a key signature of seven sharps. The music consists of eighth-note patterns and rests. A large, semi-transparent watermark is overlaid across the staves, reading "PREVIEW" in large, bold, dark letters, and "Low Resolution" in a smaller, lighter font below it, all oriented diagonally from bottom-left to top-right.

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21 *pp*

22 *mp*