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IGOR STRAVINSKY: THE FIREBIRD
(L'oiseau de feu) – ballet from 1910
& "Discover Music with Simon Rattle" (in English)

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra
Sir Simon Rattle Conductor

Live recording: Munich, Isarphilharmonie im Gasteig HP8, 6./7.11.2025

- **Booklet:** in German / in Englisch
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SIR SIMON RATTLE conducts

IGOR STRAVINSKY: THE FIREBIRD (L'oiseau de feu) – ballet from 1910
... and comments on his interpretation of the work in "Discover Music with Simon Rattle"

Igor Stravinsky's fairy-tale ballet "The Firebird" is rarely performed in its entirety in today's concert halls – usually, only one of the concert suites is played. Simon Rattle performed the narrative ballet (composed in Paris in 1909/10 and premiered in 1910 by the famous Ballets Russes) in its full magnificence on November 6 and 7, 2025 with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Isarphilharmonie in Munich. BR-KLASSIK is now releasing this recent concert recording on CD – together with an edition of the new format "Discover Music with Simon Rattle".
The impresario Sergei Diaghilev organised a series of concerts of Russian music in Paris in 1907. He went on to present Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov in 1908 and, in the following year, alongside Borodin's Prince Igor, offered Parisians a memorable selection of Russian ballet performances. This marked the birth of the Ballets Russes, a legendary company that was to make theatre and music history. In early 1909, at very short notice, Diaghilev commissioned Stravinsky to compose the music for The Firebird. Despite considerable time pressure, Stravinsky managed to complete the score by May 18, 1910. The premiere on June 25, 1910 was an unprecedented success that has lasted to this day. In his interpretation, Simon Rattle

allows the modern, colourfully orchestrated expressiveness of Igor Stravinsky's blazing Firebird to shine through in all its glory.

"Discover Music with Simon Rattle"
A conductor's mind must be like a six-lane highway. What if you could take a look inside? The new BR-KLASSIK series "Discover Music with Simon Rattle" makes that possible! The conductor guides you – the listeners – through recorded orchestra rehearsals with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and explains what he was thinking at the time. You'll also learn a lot about the works that are particularly important to him. Simon Rattle guides you through the rehearsals in his easy-to-understand English, providing numerous insights into the work of the orchestra as well as some very personal memories.

- Simon Rattle conducts the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in Munich concerts on November 6 and 7, 2025
- Live recording of the complete "Firebird" ballet by Igor Stravinsky
- Including "Discover Music with Simon Rattle": explanations by the conductor about the work and his own interpretation (in English)
- Thrilling live atmosphere from Munich's Isarphilharmonie concert hall

BAVARIAN RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
SIR SIMON RATTLE CONDUCTOR

Videoclip on Youtube: https://youtu.be/UwGEb_8n9RY

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