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Rachmaninov's final work – and the only one composed fully in the United States – was the *Symphonic Dances*. It embraces jazz elements and ecstatic expressiveness and is both a valediction and a summation of his creativity. *The Isle of the Dead* is a lamentation utilising a variant of the *Dies irae* – it is a stirring, transformative work that begins and ends in stillness. The early *Caprice bohémien* and *Scherzo in D minor* complete this programme of Leonard Slatkin's admired Rachmaninov recordings on Vox, heard here newly remastered from the original tapes.

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**RACHMANINOV**  
 (1873–1943)

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| <b>Symphonic Dances, Op. 45 (1940)</b>   | <b>33:59</b> |
| ① I. Non allegro   | 11:35        |
| ② II. Andante con moto (Tempo di valse)  | 9:13         |
| ③ III. Lento assai – Allegro vivace – Lento assai – Come prima<br>– Allegro vivace | 13:10        |
| ④ <b>Capriccio on Gypsy Themes 'Caprice bohémien', Op. 12</b><br>(1892–94)         | <b>17:44</b> |
| ⑤ <b>Scherzo in D minor (1888)</b>   | <b>4:49</b>  |
| ⑥ <b>The Isle of the Dead, Op. 29 (1909)</b>                                       | <b>20:27</b> |

**St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**  
**Leonard Slatkin**

New 192 kHz / 24-bit high definition transfers of the original Elite Recordings analogue master tapes

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