

BBC Music Magazine's list of the 50 Greatest Classical Recordings

RANK	COMPOSER	PIECE	ENSEMBLE	CONDUCTOR/SOLOIST	YEAR
50	Bach	B Minor Mass	ViennaBoys/ConcentusMusic.	Harnoncourt	1968
49	Mahler	Symphony No. 9	Vienna Philharmonic	Walter, Bruno	1938
48	Smetana	Ma Vlast	Czech Philharmonic	Kubelik	1990
47	Schubert&Mozart	FantasieOp.103/SonataK448		Perahia/Lupu	1984/90
46	Britten	Billy Budd	London Symphony	Britten	1961
45	Bartok	Concerto for Orchestra	Chicago Symphony	Reiner	1955
44	Bach	Well tempered Clavier		Fischer, Edwin	1933-36
43	Berg	Lulu	Paris Opera	Boulez	1979
42	Strauss, Richard	4 Last Songs	Berlin Philharmonic	von Karajan/Janowitz	1971
41	Stockhausen	Gesang der Junglinge			1963
40	Janacek	Jenufa	Vienna Philharmonic	Mackerras	1982
39	Beethoven	Fidelio	Philharmonia	Klemperer	1962
38	Mozart	Marriage of Figaro	Vienna Philharmonic	Kleiber	1955
37	Chopin	Noctunes		Arrau	1978
36	Verdi	Requiem	Philharmonia	Giulini	1964
35	Ravel	Daphnis et Chloe	London Symphony	Monteux	1961
34	Brahms	Symphony No. 4	Vienna Philharmonic	Kleiber	1981
33	Bellini	Norma	Teatro alla Scala	Serafin, Tullio	1960
32	Shostakovich	Preludes and Fugues		Melnikov, Alexander	2010
31	Mahler	Das Lied von der Erde	Vienna Philharmonic	Walter, Bruno	1952
30	Debussy	Pelleas et Melisande			1941
29	Elgar	Violin Concerto	London Symphony	Elgar/Menuhin	1932
28	Chopin	Etudes, Op. 10 & 25		Pollini	1972
27	Mozart	The Magic Flute	Philharmonia	Klemperer	1964
26	Allegri	Miserere	Tallis Scholars	Phillips, Peter	1980
25	Handel	Messiah	Acad. Of Ancient Music	Hogwood	1980
24	Strauss, Richard	Der Rosenkavalier	Philharmonia	von Karajan	1956
23	Mozart	Horn Concertos	Philharmonia	von Karajan/Brain	1953
22	Reich, Steve	Music for 18 musicisns			1978
21	Britten	Peter Grimes	Royal Opera House	Britten	1958
20	Mozart	Piano Concertos	English Chamber	Barenboim	1967-74
19	Chopin	Sonata No. 3		Argerich	1965
18	Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 4	Philharmonia	Michelangeli/Gracis	1957
17	Monteverdi	Vespers of 1610	English Baroque/Mont. Choir	Gardiner	1989
16	Von Bingen, Hildegard	A Feather on the Breath/God	Gothic Voices	Page/Kirkby	1981
15	Beethoven	Piano Sonatas		Schnabel, Arthur	1932-38
14	Various	Various arias	Orch. Royal Opera House	Sutherland/Molinari	1960
13	Janacek	Katya Kabanova	Philharmonia	Mackerras	1977
12	Beethoven	Late String Quartets	Busch Quartet		1930s
11	Bach	Cello Suites		Casals, Pablo	1936-39
10	Gershwin	Porgy and Bess	London Phil./Glyndebourne Ch.	Rattle, Simon	1988
9	Tchaikovsky	Symphonies Nos. 4-6	Leningrad Phil. Orchestra	Mravinsky, Evgeny	1960
8	Ravel/Berlioz	Sheherazade/Nuits d'ete	L'Orchestre de la Suisse Rom.	Ansermet, Ernest	1963/67
7	Wagner	Tristan und Isolde	Philharmonia	Furtwangler/Flagstad	1952
6	Elgar	Cello Concerto	London Symphony	Barbirolli/duPre	1965
5	Puccini	Tosca	Teatro alla Scala	de Sabata/Callas	1953
4	Bach	Goldberg Variations		Gould, Glenn	1955
3	Britten	War Requiem	London Symphony	Britten/Vishnevskaya	1962
2	Beethoven	Symphonies Nos. 5 & 7	Vienna Philharmonic	Kleiber	1975/76
1	Wagner	Ring Cycle	Vienna Philharmonic	Solti/Flagstad/Crespin	1956-65