



**Charles Villiers Stanford**

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Royal Northern Sinfonia  
Martin Yates conductor  
Leon McCawley piano  
Sergey Levitin violin

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**Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)**

Concert Overture

Concerto in D for Violin and Orchestra

Concerto in B flat for Piano and Orchestra

This hybrid CD can be played on any standard CD players

A series of recording sessions in Hall One of the Sage Gateshead, with the Royal Northern Sinfonia conducted by Martin Yates plus soloists Leon McCawley (piano) and Sergey Levitin (violin), yielded this superb disc of early works by Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). The Piano Concerto is an engaging work, with both poise and a flowing solo line – brilliantly performed here by Leon McCawley – but the Violin Concerto is the more ambitious canvas, and demonstrates how quickly the young Stanford was maturing. He had intended it for a virtuoso of his time, Italian violinist Guido Papini, but in the event it was never played. In this recording, Sergey Levitin's expressive and authoritative performance helps bring the music vividly to life.