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**THE PROGRAM**

**LALO CELLO CONCERTO IN D MINOR**

I. Prelude
II. Intermezzo

**SCHUMANN FANTASIESTÜCKE, OP. 73**

I. Zart und mit Ausdruck
II. Lebhaft, leicht
III. Rasch und mit Feuer

**BRITTEN CELLO SUITE, OP. 72**

Canto Primo
III. Serenata
IV. Marcia

**INFORMATION**

**EDOUARD LALO (1823-1892)**

Edouard Lalo was a French composer and well-known violinist and violist. His Cello Concerto in D minor is a three-movement piece, each movement with its own unique character. The first movement is fiery and passionate, alternating between two main themes before a final tirade by the soloist followed up by a powerful cadential figure in the orchestra. The second movement, by contrast, is light and lively, once again alternating between two themes. The first theme is slow and brooding while the second theme more light-hearted and agile.

**ROBERT SCHUMANN (1810-1856)**

Robert Schumann was a German composer and performance pianist. Robert Schumann's Fantasiestücke, or “Fantasy Piece”, Op. 73 was originally written for clarinet, with the piece being later transcribed for other instruments such as violin and cello. It is a three-movement work that continually ramps up throughout each movement. The first movement is slow and brooding while the second and third movements pick up in speed and velocity, the third movement incorporating material from the whole work.

**BENJAMIN BRITTEN (1913-1976)**

Benjamin Britten's Cello Suite, Op. 72 is a solo work for cello originally written for world-famous Russian cellist Mstislav Rostropovich. Britten's cello suite in G Major is characterized by the same theme being presented in four choruses or cantos, each canto separated from the next by two other movements. The Serenata and Marcia separate Canto Secondo and Canto Terzo. The Serenata is sempre pizzicato, where the performer only plucks the string. The Marcia is characterized by distant harmonics followed by a marching theme that is then interrupted by the sweeping melody of battle and conflict.