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Abstract: Russian-born composer, pianist and conductor Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) achieved fame during his lifetime for his lyrical and expressive works (including three symphonies, four piano concerti, several operas, dozens of solo piano works and solo songs, as well as choral and chamber works), influenced primarily by Russian Romanticism, as well as for his virtuosic skill as a pianist. This represents the music manuscripts on microfilm from the Sergei Rachmaninoff Archive.

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Arrangement

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| ITEM 1    | Holograph, 10 p., in ink. |
|           | Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. |
| REEL 1    | Mélodie, op. 3, no. 3. [1940] |
| ITEM 2    | Holograph, 11 p., in pencil. |
|           | Revised version as published by C. Foley, New York, 1941. |
|           | Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. |
| REEL 1    | Sérénade, op. 3 no. 5 (revised version) [194-?] |
| ITEM 3-a  | Holograph, 11 p., in ink. |
|           | Revised version as published by C. Foley, New York, 1941. |
|           | Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. |
| REEL 1    | Sérénade, op. 3 no. 5 (revised version) [194-?] |
| ITEM 3-b  | Holograph, 9 p., in ink. |
|           | Composer's incomplete copy of the piano work as published by C. Foley, New York, 1941. |
|           | Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. |
| REEL 1    | Sérénade, op. 3 no. 5. |
| ITEM 3-c  | Holograph, 5 p., in ink. |
|           | Revised version of Sérénade, op. 3. no. 5. |
|           | Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977. |
| REEL 1    | Sérénade, op. 3 no. 5. |
| ITEM 3-d  | Holograph sketches, 2 p., in pencil. |
|           | From material marked "Eight sheets found near Rachmaninoff after his death." |
|           | Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977. |
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| REEL 1 ITEM 7-b | Holograph sketches, 6 p., in pencil. From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches." [The Bells, op. 35, chorus and orchestra. Russian, German and English.] |
| REEL 1 ITEM 8-a | The Bells, op. 35. Moscow/Leipzig: A. Gutheil, 1920, 117 p.; plate no. 9719 G. Full score; contains holograph annotations by the composer. Additional material laid in at end. |
| REEL 1 ITEM 8-b | The Bells, op. 35. Moscow: A. Gutheil, 1920, 117 p.; plate no. 9719 G. Miniature score; contains holograph annotations by the composer. Additional material laid in at end. |
| REEL 1 ITEM 8-c | The Bells, op. 35. Holograph sketches, 2 p., in pencil. From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches." [Romansy, voice and piano, op. 38. Daisies. Russian.] |
| REEL 1 ITEM 9 | Daisies, op. 38, no. 3. Holograph, 6 p., in pencil. Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. [Études-tableaux, op. 39, piano] |
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| REEL 2 ITEM 11-a | Concert pour piano, no. 4, op. 40. [1927] Holograph score, 171 p.; holograph sketches (discarded, at end), 4 p., in ink. |
ITEM 11-c
4me [i.e. Quatrième] Concerto pour piano et orchestre, op. 40.
Contains holograph revisions by the composer.

ITEM 11-d
Concerto piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 32 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."

ITEM 11-e
Concerto piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 10 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."

ITEM 11-f [*also filmed as item 26]
Concerto, piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 2 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."
Also contains sketches of Liszt's Hungarian rhapsody no. 2.

ITEM 11-g
Concerto, piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 4 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."

ITEM 11-h [*also filmed as item 18]
Concerto, piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 24 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."
This item also contains sketches of From the Gospel of St. John.

ITEM 11-i [*also filmed as item 16-e]
Concerto, piano, no. 4, op. 40.
Holograph sketches, 11 p., in pencil.
This material also contains sketches of Symphonic dances, op. 45.
Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977.
[Chansons russes, op. 41, chorus and orchestra. Russian.]

ITEM 12-a
Russian songs, op. 41. [1926]
Holograph, 53 p., in pencil.
[Belilitsy, rumiantsy vy moi. Low voice and piano. Russian.]

ITEM 12-b
[Belilitsy, rumiantsy vy moi. [19--]
Positive photocopy of holograph, 8 p.
Recast in 1928 as Chansons russes, op. 41, no. 3.
[Chansons russes, op. 41, chorus and orchestra. Russian.]

ITEM 12-c
Russian songs, op. 41. [1926]
Holograph, 4 p., in pencil and ink.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."
[Variations sur un thème de Corelli, op. 42, piano.]
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From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."
[Symphonic dances, op. 45]

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-a**
Symphonic dances. [1940]
Holograph, 196 p., in ink.
Pages 71 and 72 reversed in binding. Pencil sketches on p. 123.
Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-b**
Symphonic dances. [1940]
Contains holograph corrections.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-c**
Symphonic dances, op. 45; transcribed for two pianos by the composer. [1940]
Holograph, 73 p., in pencil.
Holograph sketches on p. 73.
Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-d**
Symphonic dances
Holograph sketches, 1 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Eight sheets with music."
Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-e [*also filmed as item 11-i]*
Symphonic dances, op. 45.
Holograph sketches, 11 p., in pencil.
Also contains sketches of *Concerto no. 4, op. 40.*
Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-f**
Symphonic dances.
Holograph sketches, 3 p., in pencil.
Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977.

**REEL 4**
**ITEM 16-g**
Symphonic dances.
Holograph sketches, 13 p., in pencil.
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."

**REEL 5**
**Items without opus numbers.**
Arranged alphabetically.

[Andante semplice, piano]

**REEL 5**
**ITEM 17 [*also filmed as item 21]*
Andante semplice.
Holograph, 2 p., in ink.
Published as *Fragments* by T. Presser Co., Philadelphia, 1919.
In slipcase with *Oriental sketch*. Manuscript also contains untitled work [Allegro], 5 p.

**From the Gospel of St. John**

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 18** [*also filmed as item 11-h*]

Holograph sketches, 24 p., in pencil.

From material marked "Miscellaneous Sketches."

Also contains sketches of *Concerto no. 4, op. 40*.

[Monna Vanna. Piano-vocal score. Russian.]

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 19-a**

Monna Vanna. [1907]

Holograph, 100 p., in ink.

Holograph sketches 15 p., in pencil, laid in. Act I only.

In slipcase with manuscript of the libretto.

Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

[Monna Vanna. Libretto. Russian.]

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 19-b**

Monna Vanna. [1906-1907]

Holograph material of the composer and the librettist, M. A. Slonov; 24, 10, 15, 43, 36 p., in ink; composer's holograph title on the cover (envelope); holograph libretto by Slonov.

In slipcase with composer's holograph piano-vocal score of the opera [See item 19-a, above.]

Revision of part of the libretto by the librettist (6 p.) laid in; p. 5-6 of this revision constitute a letter by Slonov to the composer concerning possible revisions.

Holograph fragment of the libretto in the composer's hand (3 p.) and manuscript of Act II (on p. 6) laid in.

Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

[O Mother of God vigilantly praying, chorus.]

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 20**

O Mother of God vigilantly praying

Holograph [but not in composer's hand], 4 p., in pencil and ink.

From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."

Positive and negative photoreproductions included.

[Oriental sketch, piano]

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 21** [*also filmed as item 17*]

Holograph, 7 p., in ink.

Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

[Polka italienne, piano, 4 hands. Arr.]

**REEL 5**

**ITEM 22**

Polka: arranged by the composer for two pianos, four hands. [193-?]

Holograph, 5 p., in ink.

Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951.

[Prelude (posthumous), piano, D minor.]

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**ITEM 23**

Andante ma non tropppe. [1917]

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Holograph, 10 p., in ink. |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 24-b**  
Prelude from Bach's Partita in E major for violin; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph sketches, 12 p., in pencil.  
From material marked "Miscellaneous Sketches." |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 24-c**  
Gavotte and Gigue from Bach's Partita in E major for violin; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 12 p., in ink. |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 24-d**  
Gavotte and Gigue from Bach's Partita in E major for violin; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 13 p., in pencil.  
Gift of Mrs. Sergei Rachmaninoff, 15 January 1951. |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 24-e**  
Gavotte from Bach's Partita in E major for violin; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph sketches, 4 p., in pencil.  
Gift of Oxana Siloti, 1 December 1977.  

[Kriesler, F.: Liebslied. Arr.]  
**ITEM 25**  
Liebslied for violin and piano by Fritz Kriesler; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 12 p., in ink.  

[Liszt, F.: Hungarian rhapsody no. 2. Arr.]  
**ITEM 26** [*also filmed as item 11-f]*  
Cadenza to Hungarian rhapsody no. 2 by Franz Liszt; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph sketches, 2 p., in pencil.  
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."  
Also contains sketches for *Concerto no. 4, op. 40.*  

[Mendelssohn, F.: A midsummer night's dream. Arr.]  
**ITEM 27-a**  
Scherzo from Mendelssohn's A midsummer night's dream; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 20 p., in ink. |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 27-b**  
Scherzo from Mendelssohn's A midsummer night's dream; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph sketches, 36 p., in pencil.  
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."  
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| REEL 5   | **ITEM 28-a**  
Hopak from Sorochintsy fair by Mussorgsky; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 5 p., in ink. |
| REEL 5   | **ITEM 28-b**  
Hopak from Sorochintsy fair by Mussorgsky; transcribed for violin and piano by Rachmaninoff.  
Holograph, 4 p., in pencil.  
From material marked "Miscellaneous sketches."  

[Schubert F., Fantaisie, F minor, D. 940, piano, four hands. Arr.]  
**ITEM 29**  
Trio for Scherzo from Fantaisie in F minor, for piano four hands, D. 940, by Schubert; transcribed for piano by Rachmaninoff.  
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    - Unidentified materials