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*“Demidenko’s razor-sharp articulacy and immaculate dexterity are complemented by the finest musical grace and individuality ... never less than thought-provoking and intensely musical”*  
Gramophone

*“Rachmaninov’s Third Piano Concerto demands high-voltage virtuosity, which it got from the Russian-born Nikolai Demidenko. From the haunting opening bars – darkly poised and pulsating – Demidenko put the Concerto’s range of tone ahead of any superficial pianistic fireworks. Yet, though he was elusive and elegiac in the slow movement, he hurtled into the finale with bravura and a fearless pace as the Hallé flaunted its own fire and fury. It was electrifying but also poetic.”*  
The Independent

#### Summary

- Exceptionally virtuosic with huge dynamic range, allied to rare poetry and spirituality
- Recognised not only as a master of the Russian repertoire, but also for his authoritative performances of composers as diverse as Chopin, Scarlatti and Weber

#### Orchestral highlights

- Chopin Piano Concerto No 1 with Prague Symphony Orchestra / Petr Altrichter
- Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor with BBC National Orchestra of Wales / Jac van Steen
- Liszt Piano Concerto No 2 with Budapest Festival Orchestra / Sylvain Cambreling
- Mozart Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor K 466 with Sinfonia Varsovia / Jacek Kasprzyk
- Prokofiev Piano Concerto No 2 with St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra / Yuri Temirkanov
- Prokofiev Piano Concerto No 3 with Accademia Nazionale de Santa Cecilia / Charles Dutoit
- Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini with Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra/ Sylvain Cambreling
- Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 3 with Hallé Orchestra / Christian Mandeal
- Shostakovich Piano Concerto No 2 with Philharmonia / Tughan Sokhiev
- Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 with Orchestre National de France / Eivind Gullberg-Jensen
- Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 with Singapore Symphony / Long Yu
- Weber Piano Concerto No 2 with Melbourne Symphony / Oleg Caetani

#### Recitals & Chamber Music

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#### Discography

- Onyx: Chopin 24 Preludes & Sonata No 3 released November 2008
- Award-winning discs on Hyperion, including: Chopin concerti and solo works, Liszt *Sonata in B minor*, Medtner concerti and solo works, Mussorgsky *Pictures*, Prokofiev Piano Concerti, Rachmaninov *Preludes & Etudes-Tableaux*, Schumann Sonatas, Scriabin & Tchaikovsky concerti
- AGPL: Chopin & Scarlatti

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