

Music Scavenger Hunt

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Piano Concerto No. 2

Careful listening and watching can make any piece of music come to life. We have listed some clues below for musical moments to recognize as you listen to and watch our YouTube recording of this piece here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQwsupr69rl> . Put a checkmark next to each clue that you notice. If there is a blank in the clue, fill in the blank. You might need to listen to each recording a few times to catch everything.

- How many times does the pianist hit the same low note in the first few seconds before the orchestra enters?
- When the string section enters (0:28), how would you describe their melody? Is it happy, sad, bright, angry, moody?
- Listen for the solo piano to take the melody again.
- After the second big piano moment, the piece suddenly gets quiet. At this moment, listen for the clarinets and violas playing together.
- Do you like the piano solo? What does the piano solo make you think of?
- Listen for a little duet between the oboe and the piano. (3:54)
- At what time marking in the recording does the pianist reach the highest note?