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1. *Allegro* 2. *Adagio un poco mosso* 3. *Rondo. Allegro* Rudolf Serkin – piano New York Philharmonic Leonard Bernstein – conductor

I have listened to many performances and recordings of this beloved concerto and this one, in my opinion, always ends up on top. It defines musical perfection. The majesty of the Emperor, its delicacy, its sweetness, its passion are all captured with such clarity it is impossible to listen to this performance without getting caught up in the emotions of this great concerto. If one has to choose which performance to get, this should be number one! The quality of this recording is also excellent. ---John Fanning (Los Angeles, CA)

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