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Note: The surpassingly brilliant pianist and composer, whose reputation was world-wide, dedicated this composition for the piano to Monsieur Jules Behrens.
To Monsieur Jules Behrens

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Russian pianist and composer, born of Jewish parentage in Podoliss, the son of a pencil manufacturer. He was baptized as a Christian when a year old. He had but one piano teacher, Alexander Vilioing, and began to play in public when he was nine, and at eleven he played before Liszt in Paris.

Rubinstein began his first extended tour in that year, playing in Holland, England, Scandinavia and England. He went to Berlin to complete his musical education in 1845, Behn being his teacher, and Mendelssohn his best friend. After further hard study in Vienna, he returned to St. Petersburg, where he became the protege of the Grand Duchess Helene, working there for the next eight years.

He toured Europe again in 1857 and 1858, having conspicuous success in England. He founded, with Carl Schubert, the St. Petersburg Conservatorium in 1862, of which he was the director until 1867. In 1868 he toured the Continent again, and introduced a large number of his compositions in Vienna. He next went to the United States in 1872 and 1873, and thus spent most of his remaining life, in extended concert tours. He began his greatest tour in 1885, giving a series of historic recitals of immense interest in all the European capitals.

As a composer his work is uneven, lacking dramatic force and originality, but as a piano virtuoso, he ranks with the greatest in the world, a performer of unsurpassed technique.
A Monsieur Jules Stephen

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