Program

Piano Sonata kv.333

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756 - 1791)

Allegro

Andante cantabile

Allegretto grazioso

Mephisto Waltz no.1 S.514

Franz Liszt

(1811 - 1886)

Defend the Yellow River

Xinghai Xian

(1905 - 1945)

Introduction:

"Defend the Yellow River" is a classic Chinese musical piece originally composed as a choral work. It was later adapted into a piano solo version by individuals like Lin Zhao. The inspiration for this composition stems from the heroic spirit of the Chinese resistance during the Sino-Japanese War, particularly in the battles along the Yellow River. The music incorporates stirring melodies and a passionately charged atmosphere, aiming to express love for the homeland and a call for national unity. In its piano solo rendition, the piece utilizes the piano's unique expressiveness to convey the arduous and resolute history with both tenderness and fervor.