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Cello org

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Lists can never be complete but this is a very useful guide. People always pretty much unanimously say that 'Slava' Rostropovich did a great work in promoting the cello and new cello literature, including that season in the early 60s when he premiered so many concertos, and the sequence of works for solo cello in the second half of the 1970s dedicated to the name of Paul Sacher.

Have you ever wondered where you might find a more extensive listing of his professional voyage in this respect? Well, thanks to the web site *Cello.org* it is now possible to see and we are happy to reproduce this:

SECTION A

Pieces for cello and piano, cello solo, and chamber ensembles premiered by Mstislav Rostropovich

Composer *Title*

Georges Auric

*Imaginees for cello and piano

Benjamin Britten

*Sonata

*Suite No. 1 for solo cello

*Suite No. 2 for solo cello

*Suite No. 3 for solo cello

Claude Debussy

Minuet for cello and piano

G. Gamburg

Theme with Variations for cello and piano

M. Goldstein

*Minuet for cello and piano

Dmitri Kabalevsky
*Sonata

Karen Khachaturian
*Sonata

Gia Koncheli
*"After Crying" for cello solo

Y. Levitin
*Sonata

Nikolai Miaskovsky
*Sonata No. 2

Michel Michelet
*Sonata

E. Mirzoyan
*Sonata

Maurice Ohana
*Syrtes pour cello et piano

Claude Pascal
*Sonata

Sergei Prokofiev
Sonata Fugue for solo cello

N. Rakov
*Nine pieces for violoncello and piano

Alfred Schnittke

*Nostalgie for cello and piano *Epilogue from the Ballet "Peer Gynt" for cello, piano, and electronics

*Improvisation for cello solo

*Sonata No. 2 for cello and piano

Menuet for violin, viola and cello

Trio for violin, cello, piano

Y. Shaporin

*Five pieces for violoncello and piano

V. Shebalin

*Sonata

Dmitri Shostakovich

Cello part in Song Cycle from Poems of Alexander Blok

Sergei Taneyev

Canzona

Boris Tchaikovsky

*Suite for cello solo

Partita for cello, piano, clavecine, electric guitar, and percussion

Sir William Walton

*Passacaglia for cello solo

M. Weinberg

*Sonata No. 2 for cello and piano

*Sonata for cello solo

Jean Wiener

Sonata for cello and piano

** dedicated to Mstislav Rostropovich*

SECTION B

Compositions for cello and orchestra or ensemble premiered by Mstislav Rostropovich

Composer

Title

A. Babadzhanyan

*Concerto

G. Banschikov

*Concerto No. 4

Luciano Berio

Il ritorno degli Snovidenia

Leonard Bernstein

*Three Meditations

B. Bogdanov-Berezovoi

*Three Concert Pieces for Cello and Orchestra

Arthur Bliss

*Concerto

Benjamin Britten

*Symphony for Cello and Orchestra

Daniel-Lessur

Fantasia-Concertante for cello and orchestra

Henri Dutilleux

*"Tout un Monde Lointain" (Concerto)

Lukas Foss
*Concerto

Reanaud Gagneux
*"Triptyque" concerto for cello and orchestra

Lopez Graca
*Concerto da Camera

E. Golubyev
*Concerto

C. Halffter
Concerto

Alun Hoddinott
*Concerto

Andre Jolivet
*Concerto No. 2

T. Khrennikov
*Concerto No. 1

Aram Khachaturian
*Concerto-Rhapsody

Lev Knipper
*Concerto

Marcel Landowski
"Un Enfant apelle...", Concerto for Soprano, Cello and orchestra

Y. Levitin
"Le Prison", Poem for Soprano, Cello and orchestra
*Concertino

Witold Lutoslawski
*Concerto

David Matthews
Romanza for cello and small orchestra, op. 49

Olivier Messiaen
Concerto for flauto, oboe, cello, piano and orchestra
Violoncello part in oratorio "Transfiguration"

Norbert Moret
*Two Love Poems for Soprano, Cello and Orchestra
*Concerto

Virgilio Mortari
*Concerto

N. Nabokov
Theme with Variations for Cello and Orchestra

Arne Nordheim
*Tenebrae

Maurice Ohana
*Concerto

Andre Panufnik
Concerto

A. Pärt
*Concerto

Krzysztof Penderecki

*Concerto No. 2

N. Peyko

Bashkiri Melodies for Cello and Orchestra

Ljubomir Pipkov

*Concerto Symphony

Walter Piston

*Variations for Cello and Orchestra

Gavriil Popov

Symphonic Aria for Cello

Sergei Prokofiev

*Symphony-Concerto

Concertino

Henri Sauguet

*Melodie Concertante

Robert Saxton

*Cello Concerto

Alfred Schnittke

*Concerto No. 2

*Concerto for violin, viola, cello and orchestra

Rodion Shchedrin

*Concerto for cello and orchestra

Dmitri Shostakovich

*Concerto No. 1

*Concerto No. 2

Boris Tchaikovsky
*Concerto

Yudzo Toyama
*Concerto

V. Vlasov
*Concerto Improvisation

M. Weinberg
*Concerto

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SECTION C

**Compositions commissioned by Mstislav Rostropovich for cello solo
for the 70th birthday of Paul Sacher *and performed by Rostropovich in
Zurich, May 2, 1976***

Composer *Title*

Conrad Beck
Three Epigrams for Violoncello Solo

Luciano Berio
"Le mots sont alles..." for Violoncello Solo

Benjamin Britten
Theme "SACHER" for Cello Solo

Henri Dutilleux

*Hommage a Paul Sacher pour violoncello solo

*Henri Dutilleux later added two more movements and the work is now called
Trois Strophes sur le nom de Sacher pour Violoncello Solo*

Wolfgang Fortner

Theme and Variations for Violoncello Solo

Alberto Ginastera

*Hommage a Paul Sacher: Punena No. 2, op. 45 for Violoncello Solo

Cristobal Halffter

Variations on the Theme "SACHER" for Violoncello Solo

Heinz Holliger

Chaconne for Violoncello Solo

Klaus Huber

"Transpositio ad infinitum" for Virtuoso Solo Cello

Witold Lutoslawski

Sacher Variations for Violoncello Solo

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Please do see other original works for many different instruments and groupings, and also special transcriptions for cellists, and cellists with other instruments on the *johnstone-music* web page

Also both general musical and cello based articles, directories of famous historical cellists, and many other items of interest