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The Listening Lounge

by Sarah-Jane Morris

I am forever being asked what I listen to when I am at home, and want to "switch off". Well as I write this I am listening to Mario Lanza, a favourite of my husband Andrew's (who is, as many of you may know, a Tenor). Actually I don't think you ever "switch off" as a musician but with Valentine's evening coming up I was asked what to put on the cd player as you cook your loved one that special meal, if you've elected for the 'cosy night in' option.

Well for me you can't go wrong with Ravel's Bolero or Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet, both beautiful pieces. Chopin's piano music is also a must and my favourite piano music must be Rachmaninov's Theme on Paganini which was used in one of the most beautiful films I have ever seen "Somewhere in Time" with Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. The piano music of Brahms is also very beautiful and that is what I would put on the cd player if I wanted to relax and drift away from the world, the Brahms Intermezzos, they never fail and you can't go wrong with Mozart and Beethoven.

Classic FM have brought out some wonderful cd's with lots of Romantic classics and they are a great place to start your collection. The only problem you will have is choosing from all the wonderful music out there, so get cooking and get listening.

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