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**Title:**  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
Quartets op. 18,3 and 18,6

**Musicians:**  
Leipziger Streichquartett

**Number of CDs: 1**

**Order Number:**  
MDG 307 0856-2

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### Good Hands

The music world eagerly awaits the Leipzig String Quartet's completion of its recording of Beethoven's string quartets. The success of their releases featuring his Opus 18 (Nos. 1 and 4, Nos. 2 and 5) is now followed by the two remaining quartets (No. 3 in D major, No. 6 in B flat major) from this trailblazing series of six works. *Klassik heute* had every reason to write, "With the Leipzig String Quartet everything is in the best possible hands."

### Stunning Debut

The third and sixth quartets of Beethoven's Opus 18 are remarkable in the truest sense of the word and nothing less than stunning for debut compositions in the genre of the string quartet. The finale of op. 18,3 maintains eighth motion throughout most of its length; only at the very end does it abandon this breathless pace and fade away in pianissimo. The last movement of op. 18,6 stands out for its melancholy adagio and the merry abandon of the perpetuum mobile that keeps on interrupting it.

### Expletive Excellence

The Leipzig String Quartet's releases of Beethoven's quartets have brought this ensemble reviews just as dazzling as those for its more than twenty other MDG CDs: "Textual authenticity and pure sensuousness" (*FonoForum*); "Nothing here aims at mere effect ... Splendidly performed ... Magnificent sound" (*Klassik*

*heute*); "Here musicians are at work who no longer need to prove to anybody just how damned good they are" (*klassik.com*); "They are an ensemble of real quality, having not only immaculate polish and tonal finesse" (*International Record Review*).

### Music Library

**Ludwig van Beethoven:** String Quartets  
 op. 59,1 and 14 MDG 307 0707-2  
 op. 59,3 and 74 MDG 307 0852-2  
 op. 131 and 135 MDG 307 0820-2  
 op. 18,1 and 4 MDG 307 0853-2  
 op. 127 and 132 MDG 307 0854-2  
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### W. A. Mozart:

String Quartets KV 387 and 421 MDG 307 1035-2  
 String Quartets KV 458 and 465 MDG 307 1107-2

### F. Schubert: Complete String Quartets

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