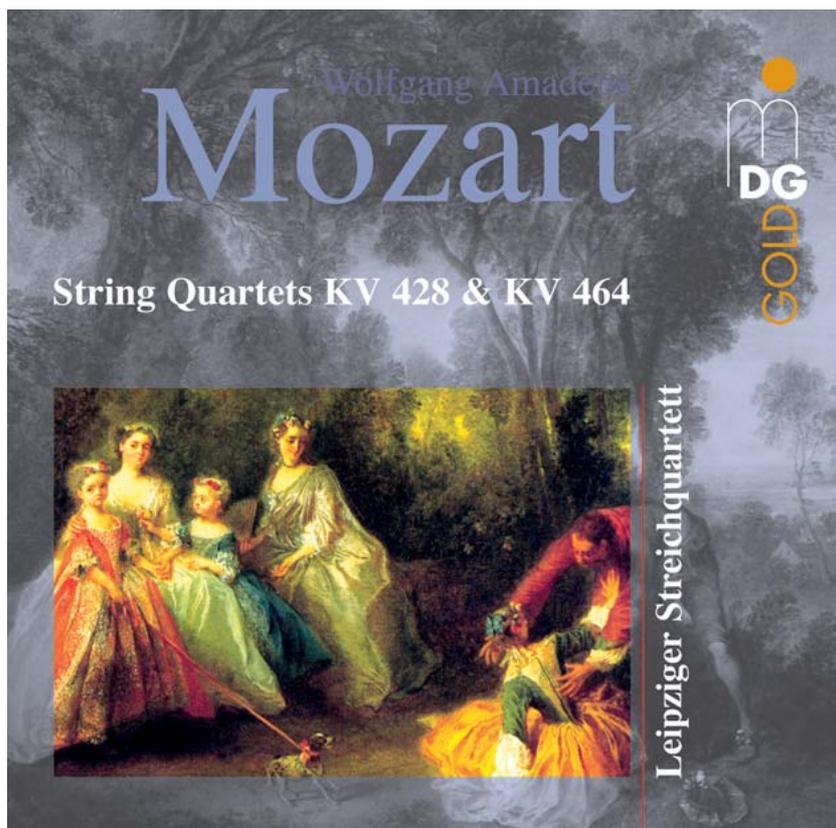


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Historic Moment

Only a few friends of music were in attendance when two compositions of trailblazing style — the String Quartets KV 428 and 464 — were performed for the first time at the Großer Schulerstraße No. 846 in Vienna on January 15, 1785. The present CD not only brings us closer to this Vienna event but also forms the “lieto fine” of our complete recording of Mozart’s “Haydn Quartets” with the Leipzig String Quartet, an ensemble belonging to the top international ranks of Mozart interpreters.

Mutual Admiration

“Haydn Quartets”? Their composer, the twenty-seven-year-old Mozart, dedicated them to his best friend and mentor. Haydn himself lent expression to his admiration with only a few words: “I say to you before God, Mozart is the greatest composer whom I know in person and in name.”

Creative Climbing

Haydn’s reaction may have been enthusiastic, but self-proclaimed Viennese experts were skeptical. They thought it was too bad that Mozart, “to be a new creator, had lost his way during the climb, with but little gain for sentiment and the heart.” Sarti published the most caustic critique, finding fault with dilettantish compositional mistakes and speaking of music “to hold one’s ears to.”

International Compensation

When the Leipzig String Quartet was founded in 1988, three of its members were still first chairs in the Gewandhaus Orchestra. Today, thank goodness, all four musicians perform exclusively as a chamber ensemble on the stage and at the top of the world. The ARD Competition in Munich, the Siemens Music Prize, the Busch Brothers Prize, concert tours through forty-five countries around the globe, and countless recording prizes for the Leipzig String Quartet, which records exclusively on MDG, are certainly more than compensation enough for the sacrifice of promising orchestral careers!

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