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Title:

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Symphonies No. 1+5, Hebrides
Overture, Ruy Blas (Victor Hugo)
Overture (arr. for piano for 4 hands,
violin and violoncello)

Artists:

Andreas Seidel, violin
Matthias Moosdorf, violoncello
(members of the Leipziger
Streichquartetts)

Olga Gollej and Gerald Fauth, piano

1 CD

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Audio Revelations

When a few musicians take on the task of a whole orchestra, the composer's excellence and the arranger's fine touch are brought to light – as in the case of the splendid chamber arrangements of two symphonies and two overtures by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy for piano four hands, violin, and violoncello celebrating their recording premieres on this CD.

Interim Period

Mendelssohn began composing at an early age and was lucky that his works that were performed at the concerts held at the family home. Even symphonic works were played and "tested" with only very few instruments. It is interesting that the composer's own piano trio arrangement of the First Symphony had existed for years before the very popular (later) version for orchestra was actually published.

Original Standards

Arrangements of orchestral works brought publishing companies welcome additional revenues. Expanding this sales strategy after the copyright privileges had expired, Mendelssohn's publishers Breitkopf & Härtel issued arrangements of his works for piano four hands, violin, and violoncello in "popular editions" intended for home performance and maintaining the high standards of the originals. The arrangements of the *Hebrides Overture*, *Reformation Symphony*, and *Ruy Blas Overture* place the highest technical demands on the interpreters and offer the listener

intimate and fascinating glimpses at compositional structures.

Unique Quality

After their outstanding edition of Mendelssohn's complete string quartets, the Leipzig String Quartet stars Andreas Seidel and Matthias Moosdorf join forces with the Olga Gollej and Gerald Fauth piano duo to enrich the Mendelssohn discography with a top-quality recording in its own extraordinary class.

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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