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W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Complete String Quartets

Leipziger Streichquartett

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Collector's Item

Only ten of Mozart's twenty-three string quartets have found their way into the standard concert repertoire. The Leipzig String Quartet once again has performed a meritorious service, this time by showing that besides the famous "Dissonance" and "Hunt" quartets the thirteen quartets from the genial composer's youth absolutely deserve their place on the concert stage. The ensemble's highly acclaimed recording is now available in a special edition with eight CDs also including the ten "great quartets" – a release guaranteed to win the hearts of collectors and all interested listeners.

Rich Rides

As his father Leopold reported in his letters sent home to Salzburg, the young Mozart composed his quartets out of boredom while riding in the stagecoach. Of course "Wolferl" immediately absorbed the very latest ideas from Milan and Vienna. These youthfully fresh works may perhaps fall short of ultimate formal perfection, but they more than make up for it with their exuberantly rich wealth of thematic and motivic ideas.

Rave Reviews

"A windfall for chamber music," "spreading delight," "breathtaking" – the press is full of praise for the Mozart interpretations by the Leipzig musicians, and internationally too these "first-rate performances" enjoy the highest esteem. The recording of the ten popular later quartets quickly earned benchmark status: "One cannot better convey Mozart's ethereal richness of thought."

Special Treat

A special treat: the opulent box of eight CDs covering eighteen years of the Leipzig String Quartet includes performances by all four of its first violinists: Andreas Seidel, Stefan Arzberger, Conrad Muck, and Tilman Büning. Each one of them in his own way marked the ensemble sound, which nevertheless remains unmistakably unique - an absolutely impressive audio demonstration and one that can be experienced only on this edition!