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**Title:**

Franz Schubert  
Complete String Quartets  
Vol. 2  
String Quartet A minor D 804  
String Quartet G minor /  
B flat major D 18,  
Overture D 470

**Musicians:**

Leipziger Streichquartett

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**Unique**

The present CD continues our complete recording of Franz Schubert's chamber music for strings. The Leipzig String Quartet is heard in a performance of his mature Quartet in A minor D 804 and two new contributions to the Schubert discography and special treats for connoisseurs of classical music: the early work D 18 and the fragment D 470.

**Dear Rosamunde,...**

The A minor quartet is full of hidden musical messages. Schubert viewed this key as a representation of „the fair sex“ and dedicated the work as a whole to a woman who made a strong and lasting impression on him, the Cypriot queen Rosamunde.

**Hard to Believe but True**

Schubert was an ardent admirer of Beethoven when he composed his G minor quartet at an age - thirteen - when most young people today are running after the latest pop idol.

**International Standard**

„Unlesss I'm completely mistaken, their cycle of Schubert's string quartets will set an international standard.“ It was thus that a critic wrote in *HiFi-Vision* about Vol. 1 - and he was not mistaken. The Leipzig String Quartet has continued to live up to this promise. „The result admits of comparison to the most brilliant recordings in the history of interpretation“ (*FonoForum*) „The same rank as the Juilliard String Quartet, even comparable to the legendary recording of the Busch Quartet“ (*Classic-CD*)

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