



Title:
 Franz Schubert
 Complete String Quartets Vol. 8
 D 68 and D 46
 4 Comic Ländler D 354

Musicians:
 Leipziger Streichquartett

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Eight and Counting

"The complete recording of the string quartets of Franz Schubert will number among the most important editions of this anniversary year" (*FonoForum*).

In Vol. 8 the Leipzig String Quartet presents yet more compositions that you will most likely have the chance to hear only here during this Schubert Year. Only one more missing CD puzzle piece, and then this ambitious undertaking will be complete!

Psychobiography

No genre in Schubert's oeuvre so clearly reflects his changing psychic moods as the string quartet. Highs and lows, periods of the greatest productive energy, and times of the deepest depression and anxiety are in clear audible evidence in his works of this genre.

School Days

The two string quartet movements in B flat major and the Quartet in C major date to 1813, one of the productive phases during Schubert's short life. The sixteen-year-old wrote the movements and the finely balanced and crafted quartet in five days on the city college's hard benches, before he perfected his technique under Antonio Salieri and went out to make his way in the world as a young schoolmaster.

Encore!

This CD also offers four special encores for curious collectors: Schubert's Comic Ländler for Two Violins complement the high art of his quartets and conjure up the atmosphere of inn music and its merry virtuoso feats.

A Little Before Nine

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