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**Title:**  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
Quartets op. 127 and 132

**Musicians:**  
Leipziger Streichquartett

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### Symphonic Dimensions

Beethoven's late string quartets are chamber music of symphonic dimensions, and in its performances of his opp. 127 and 132 the Leipzig String Quartet stimulates not only the musical mind but also the musical emotions.

### Quartet Whirlwind

Beethoven's late quartet oeuvre originated in a clearly and modestly formulated commission from St. Petersburg. Prince Nikolai Borisovich Galitzin, himself an avid amateur cellist, asked Beethoven to write two (easy) quartets for a high fee. While composing these quartets, however, Beethoven got caught up in a whirlwind of inspiration: over several years he began quartets, let others rest for some time, got to work on new ones, and finally completed the famous canon of six works shortly before his death.

### Professional Business

The late quartets had one immediate effect already during Beethoven's lifetime: the whole vast world of amateur musicians was excluded from the interpretation process.

### International Ambassadors

When the Leipzig String Quartet began performing chamber music in 1988, its members were first-chair instrumentalists in the Gewandhaus Orchestra. Five years later, already with international prizes to their credit, these four exceptional musicians resigned from their orchestra posts. Since then they have served as international ambassadors of a new generation of chamber musicians, presenting repertoire and niche programs with the greatest success. Over forty-five CDs - from Mozart to Cage, from Haubenstein-Ramati to Beethoven - and the countless recording prizes that have come with them have marked the unique career of the Leipzig String Quartet.

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