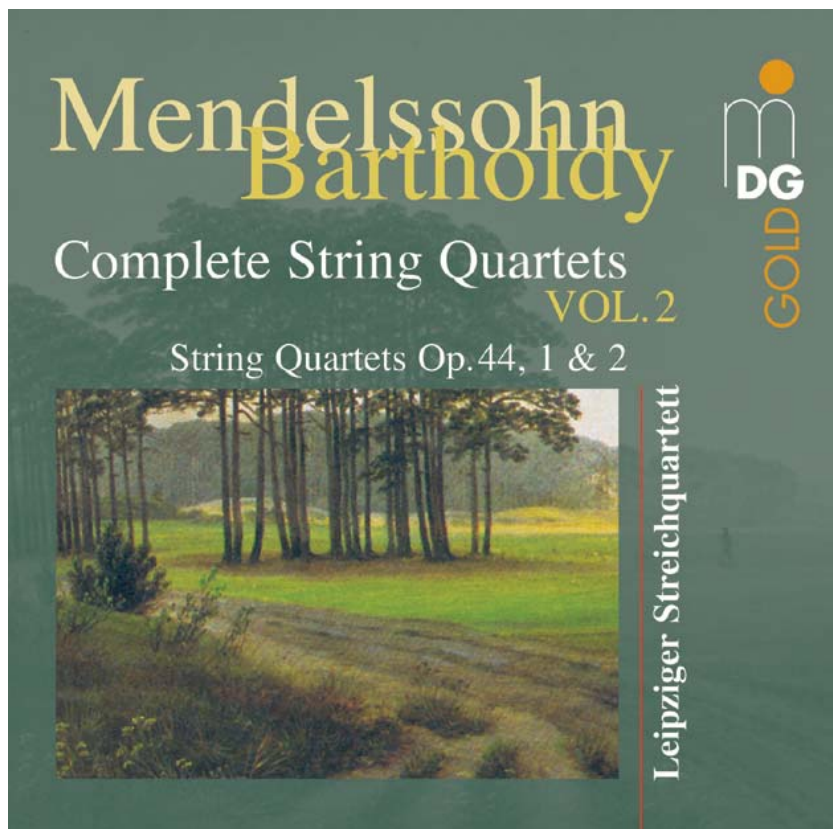


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The quartets dedicated to Crown Prince Oscar of Sweden and published by Mendelssohn in 1839 as his op. 44 outshine all that came before them in their melodic perfection and sophisticated balance. In contrast, the "pilot compositions" of his op. 12, which he published at the age of eighteen, suggest conflict, seeking, and questioning.

Honeymooners

The enchanting music of the elves from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is also heard in the scherzo of the Quartet in E minor — which is hardly surprising, since this group of works was composed in 1837, when Mendelssohn, successful as a composer and much sought after by publishers, finally found some peace and quiet on his honeymoon.

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