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Title:
Antonín Dvořák
 (1841-1904)
 Piano Quintet op. 81
 String Quintet op. 97

Musicians:
 Leipziger Streichquartett
 Christian Zacharias, piano
 Hartmut Rohde, viola

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Best Hands

When the Leipzig String Quartet teams up with stars like Christian Zacharias and Hartmut Rohde to form a quintet, then fascinating musical results are in store. With these artists the two Dvořák Quintets op. 97 and op. 81 are in the best possible musical hands.

Busy Schedule

Dvořák was without a doubt a workaholic. During the mid-1880s the Prague composer achieved his international breakthrough. He received one compositional commission after another, and tours and conducting obligations took him five times to England alone within the space of three years. In 1887 he took a timeout from this hectic period and turned to more pleasant things.

Quintet Conquest

The very busy musician found rest and relaxation in the chamber music he loved so well: "I have so much in my old suitcase that lies slumbering and wants to see the light." It was thus that he wrote at the time to a friend, referring to the Piano Quintet in A major op. 81, which a little later began its nonstop conquest of the world's salons and chamber-music halls.

Summer Vacation

The String Quintet op. 97 composed six years later represents the same high quality. Dvořák composed it in a small town by the name of Spillville in Iowa, where he spent his first American summer vacation with his family. He had already shown that he could incorporate the

national musical language of his own country into his music in virtuoso style, and during his vacation he continued his studies.

Productive Success

With its release of the Dvořák quintets on MDG the Leipzig String Quartet reinforces its reputation not only as one of the most successful chamber ensembles of our times but also as one of the most productive such formations.

Franz Schubert

Quintet D 667 „Die Forelle“ etc.
 LSQ, Christian Zacharias
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Richard Strauss

Chamber Music
 LSQ, Hartmut Rohde,
 Michael Sanderling, Christian Ockert
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Johannes Brahms

String Quartet op. 67,
 String Sextet op. 18
 LSQ, Hartmut Rohde, Michael Sanderling
 CD: MDG 307 0969-2
 DVD: MDG 907 0969-5

