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Title:

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)
Quintet F major
Quartet C minor

Musicians:

Leipziger Streichquartett
Hartmut Rohde, viola

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Con brio

While recordings of Bruckner's symphonic music fill whole shelves, audiophile documentation of his complete chamber oeuvre can be represented on a single CD — this one! A thrilling experience for all romantically inclined concertgoers and fans of the Leipzig String Quartet!

Rallentando

On the occasion of the bestowal of his honorary doctoral degree, Bruckner was not at all bashful about reminding the dean of the University of Vienna that he should not forget to designate him as a "symphonist" on the diploma. Perhaps he did so because, through no fault of his own, he had encountered initial difficulties with music en miniature.

Mesto

When Bruckner presented the score of his String Quintet in F major to Hellmesberger in the summer of 1879, this proven chamber musician found the scherzo too heavy. Bruckner quickly reacted and wrote a lighter intermezzo to replace it. This movement also did not really appeal to Hellmesberger. And so five years went by before the work was performed — with the original scherzo. A little later the Viennese publisher A. Gutmann issued the work — but never paid Bruckner his author's fee.

Ritenuto

The second chamber composition by Bruckner recorded here fared no better. The String Quartet in C minor entered in his study book under August 7, 1862, did not find a publisher until 1955. His symphonies completely

overshadowed his seemingly inconspicuous chamber efforts

Con fuoco

The Leipzig String Quartet has distinguished itself as one of the most sought-after and versatile ensembles of our time. It was founded in 1988, when three of its members were first-chair members of the Gewandhaus Orchestra in Leipzig, but in 1993 they decided to give up their orchestra posts in order to focus their work on chamber music. Countless prizes and awards have accompanied the career of the Leipzig String Quartet. The ensemble's concerts have taken it to more than forty countries — through Europe and to North and South America, Australia, Japan, Israel, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

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