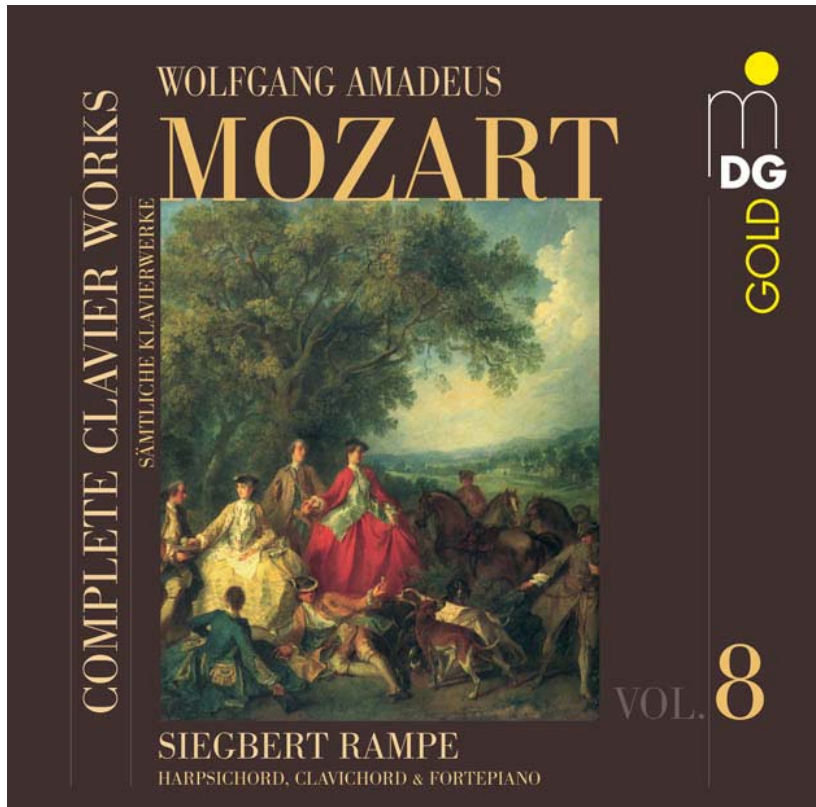


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Artist:

Siegbert Rampe, harpsichord,
clavichord and fortepiano

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Mozart Miracle

Can it be? It can be: once again a completely unknown Mozart composition has come to light. It is called "Das Donnerwetter" (KV 534a, The Thunderstorm) and on this CD it is heard together with the universally renowned "Alla Turca." Moreover, Siegbert Rampe performs on an original harpsichord from 1771 by Burkat Shudi, a Swiss-born master builder of keyboard instruments.

Innovatory Inspiration

The forty-two compositions of the London Sketchbook were penned while the Mozarts were visiting England in 1764-65. It was also at this time that the young Mozart met Burkat Shudi and enthusiastically availed himself of the opportunity to play his newest harpsichord. Its modern innovations included a machine-stop pedal for the selection of stops during performance and a special Venetian swell facilitating dynamic contrasts – what new inspiration!

Minuet Mastery

What eighteenth-century ballroom event could have managed without a minuet? Mozart saw to it that Salzburg court society never ran out of this dance staple. Even as a child, he exercised himself in this stylistic discipline, and this fact is documented in the music book kept by him for his sister Nannerl (KV 4 and 5). KV 176, a composition for the Carnival season 1774, demonstrates the eighteen-year-old's perfect mastery of such dance music. He usually composed his minuets for orchestra, but sometimes he reworked them for keyboard performance, so that his music could also be performed in the home.

Performance Pleasure

Siegbert Rampe has a gift for conveying why it is he does what he does. This specialist in historical performance practice selects just the right instruments and presents works quite familiar to us in modern piano renderings in surprisingly new guise, thus reproducing what they were meant to be: pure musical pleasure.

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