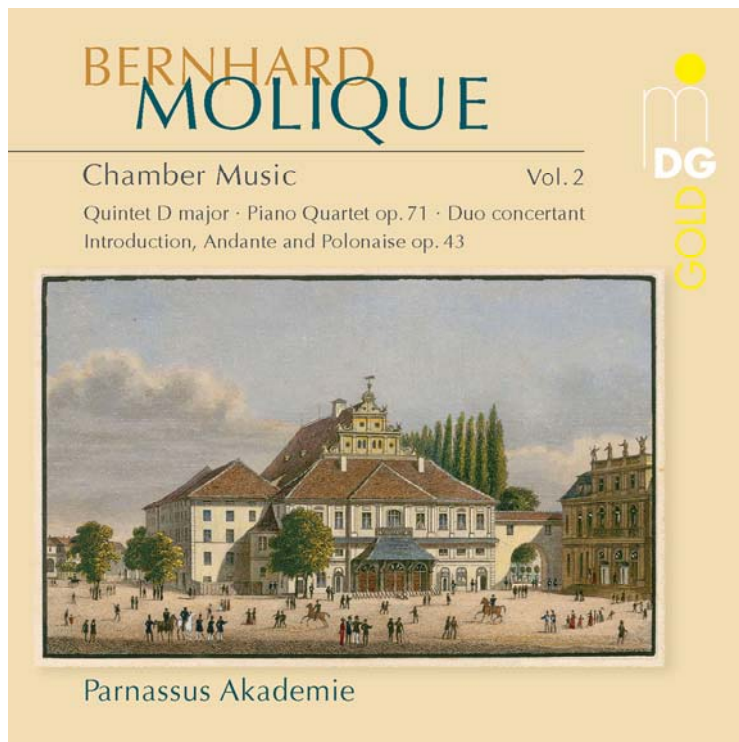


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England’s Command

This is all the more astonishing since Molique, who learned to play the violin under the tutelage of the famous Louis Spohr, was an autodidact as a composer. Word of his talent quickly spread, and so this Royal Württemberg Music Director and Court Concertmaster was summoned from Stuttgart to London to educate young composers at the venerable Royal Academy.

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