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Gabriel Fauré

(1845 - 1924)

Complete Piano Quintets

Piano Quintet No. 1 op. 89

Piano Quintet No. 2 op. 115

Mozart Piano Quartet

Mark Gothoni, Violin

Hartmut Rohde, Viola

Peter Hörr, Violoncello

Paul Rivinius, Piano

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Authentic Touch

Emotion and elegance could hardly form a more perfect union than they do in Gabriel Fauré's piano quintets. The Mozart Piano Quartet, here too not short on strongly expressive playing, brings in reinforcements for this new recording. For these two rarely heard quintets, the four musicians receive support from the violin legend Régis Pasquier and his student Sachiko Segawa, thereby adding a touch of special authenticity to this highly welcome production.

French Class

As a young violist Pasquier's father Pierre performed in person for Fauré. Tradition evidently was finely cultivated in this family rich in outstanding talents. The Quintet op. 89 breathes French spirit through and through, and it is with great naturalness that the five musicians develop a flexible agogic plot spanning the entire work. In the Quintet op. 115 Fauré proves to be a master of counterpoint, and it is absolutely amazing how the second movement combines the scurrying of goblins with waltz bliss of salon character.

Flying Colors

Fauré was once told that he would enjoy a brilliant career as a pianist if only he would practice more diligently. However, his playing cannot have been all that bad, given the fact that he himself premiered the second quintet with the great Eugène Ysaÿe on the violin. Paul Rivinius masters the highly virtuosic piano part with bravura – and with unrivaled tonal finesse.

Audiophile Spread

Opulence is guaranteed: Gabriel Fauré's piano quintets of course have been produced with the very finest Super Audio CD technology. Especially on this three-dimensional recording, a sound panorama of captivating beauty spreads out – a feast for all music lovers.

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