



New Compact Disc Release

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Felix & Fanny Mendelssohn Piano Trios

Felix Mendelssohn's superlative second piano trio in c minor is here coupled with a similar but little-known work by his beloved sister, Fanny, whose formidable gifts both as a composer and pianist were overshadowed by the brilliance of her brother Felix. Also contributing to Fanny's relative obscurity as a composer was her unenviable position as a highly gifted woman in a field which was almost entirely male-dominated. The exemplary performances by the *Atlantis Trio* provide a fitting tribute to these two early Romantic geniuses, and launches the **Musica Omnia Mendelssohn 2009** project, in which all the composer's music for instrumental chamber and vocal ensemble will be presented over the next decade.

Features:

- Unique coupling of Mendelssohn's familiar masterpiece with equally strong companion work by his sister, Fanny
- Best fortepiano sound on record - original 1835 instrument by Conrad Graf
- Ensemble led by Dutch violin legend, Jaap Schröder
- Full colour booklet - artbook quality
- Informative *Beyond the Notes*™ presentation by the performers

Target Markets:

Worldwide major metro markets, culturally-oriented cities & college towns

Configuration: 2CD set

Available: Now

Recorded: March 2001

Booklet: 24-page, full colour. Comprehensive program notes by Mendelssohn scholar Prof. Larry Todd

Reviews: ARG, Early Music America. Advertising and editorial planned for Fanfare, International Record Review and other major classical music publications

THE ROMANTICS

A revolution in art and literature swept through Europe and by the early 1800's Romanticism dominated the musical landscape. Such figures as Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Brahms exemplified the ideals yet maintained highly individual approaches. Now, our finest historically-informed musicians and scholars present this incomparable repertoire in a series destined to become an essential part of serious music lover's collection.

CD 1

Felix Mendelssohn: Piano trio no. 2 in c minor, op. 66

- 1 Allegro energico e con fuoco
- 2 Andante espressivo
- 3 Scherzo: molto allegro quasi presto
- 4 Finale: Allegro appassionato

Fanny (Mendelssohn) Hensel: Piano itrio in d minor, op. 11

- 5 Allegro molto vivace
- 6 Andante espressivo
- 7 Lied: Allegretto
- 8 Finale: Allegro moderato

CD 2

THE MENDELSSOHN:

The artist's place in high society



with Jaap Schröder, Penelope Crawford and Enid Sutherland

The *Atlantis Trio* explores various aspects of the close personal and artistic relationship between the two gifted members of the Mendelssohn family, specifically contrasting the fascinating pair of works which are juxtaposed on this new recording. In addition, light is shed on Fanny Mendelssohn's personality, and the artistic constraints under which women composers laboured in 19th-century German society.



The Atlantis Trio

Jaap Schröder, violin
Penelope Crawford, fortepiano
Enid Sutherland, cello

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