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Jean Françaix (1912-1997)
Octet
Clarinet Quintet
Divertissement

Charis Ensemble

1 CD

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Spirited Symbiosis

The Charis Ensemble presents three of Jean Françaix's principal chamber works – his Octet, Divertissement, and Clarinet Quintet – in a fresh new interpretation in which instrumental perfection and sophisticated wit form a spirited symbiosis. The sound picture has been recorded very naturally with stereophonic clarity and chamber transparency and conveys a strong spatial impression. And one is surprised to read that Dabringhaus and Grimm produced the recording in Nordkirchen Castle already in 1987. Even after twenty-five years in storage this recording remains free of musical dust – which makes this re-release all the more valuable as a contribution to the current catalogue.

Performance Perfection

The Charis Ensemble “performs so perfectly that, if one does not like my music, I cannot make any sort of mitigating circumstances apply” (Jean Françaix).

“Since a feel for French esprit is not lacking, and they follow the trail of the composer’s imaginative wealth with remarkable precision, listening is made pure and simple pleasure” (*FonoForum*)

Dazzling Debut

“Moreover, in this noble recording sparkling with musicianly joy, the Charis Ensemble shows that it is able as an ensemble [...] to unite the Austrian-Viennese tone and the French light aura as if this were the most natural thing in the world.

A genially successful disc” (*Das Orchester*)

“The dazzling debut of the Charis Ensemble hits each nail right on its head with instrumental sovereignty and intellectual wit (and is also on target with the listener’s ears). Brilliant listening pleasure of the highest order of excellence” (*Stereoplay*)

Stunning Sense

“The interpretation by the Charis Ensemble is stunning in the best sense of this term. It is full of life, performed with gaiety and mastery!!

Hats off!” (*Répertoire*)

“Highly accomplished playing” (*Penguin Guide*).