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Title:
Johann Gottfried Mützel
(1728-1788)
Concerts and Chamber Music

Musicians:
Musica Alta Ripa

2 CDs

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Overall Idea

A comprehensive portrait of the works of Johann Gottfried Mützel in first recordings including the Concerto for Two Bassoons, a priceless musical treasure. The first CD contains various works for chamber instrumentations, among them sonatas for transverse flute and one and two harpsichords. The second CD contains three extended concertos of larger instrumentation.

Character

The works selected offer strong contrasts and surprises reflecting the highest degree of musical imagination. For example, the B flat major harpsichord concerto tending toward the galant style is punctuated by recitatives, two bassoons make their sudden solo entrance in the middle movement of the more serious D minor concerto, and the two wind soloists have the opportunity to summon all their virtuoso powers in the double concerto.

Authenticity

Mützel, one of J.S. Bach's last students, concluded his career as a highly regarded organist and orchestra director in the art metropolis of Riga. Enraged at the increasing levels of traffic noise, he declared that concerts should continue to be held only in the winter so that the snow would muffle the clattering of the coaches on the pavements.

Artistry

During more than fifteen years of cooperation MDG and Musica Alta Ripa have teamed up for a great many extraordinary productions including Italian chamber cantatas, instrumental music of the French late Baroque, and chamber music and concertos from the generation of Bach's pupils. The year 2000 marked the completion of three major CD projects devoted to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and the Telemann cycle was launched in 2003. The Diapason d'Or, Cannes Classical Award, Echo Klassik, and Audiophile Reference are motivation for further new discoveries.

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