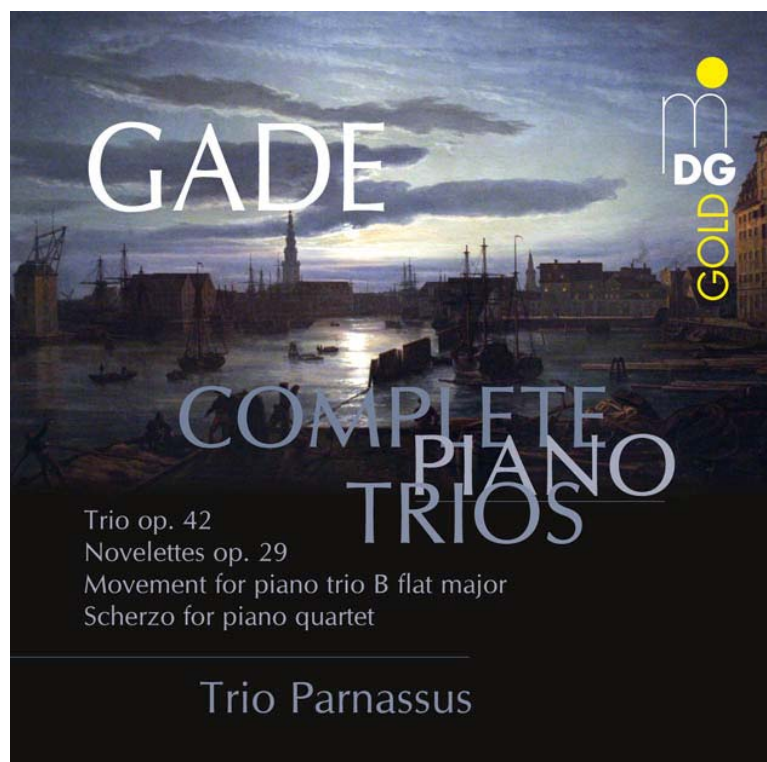


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**Niels Wilhelm Gade** (1817-1890)  
Complete Piano Trios  
Scherzo for Piano Quartet

**Trio Parnassus**  
Thomas Selditz, viola

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#### Nordic Trove

The Trio Parnassus once again opens its treasure chest, this time presenting a find in the form of the piano trios of Niels Wilhelm Gade. Nineteenth-century contemporaries ranked Gade with Mendelssohn, but it is only recently that this Danish composer's music has once again returned to the concert halls.

#### Travel Experience

Niels Wilhelm Gade was strongly influenced by the time that he spent in Leipzig beginning in 1843. It was here that he made contact with the circle around Mendelssohn and Schumann, his first symphony was premiered, and he had the opportunity to conduct the Gewandhaus Orchestra. He set out on European travels from Leipzig and first returned to his native Copenhagen in 1848. On his return to Copenhagen he invigorated the local music society and founded a conservatory, serving as its director until the end of his life.

#### Novel Tradition

Only a scherzo is left to document the first chamber composition of the nineteen-year-old violinist Gade, who actually wanted to write a piano quartet. Three years later Gade first tried his hand at a trio but did not get beyond the first very fine movement. He finally achieved his breakthrough in 1853, after his return from Leipzig. He composed five movements for a piano trio and termed them – in the best Schumannian tradition – “Noveletten.” It is interesting how the Trio Parnassus illuminates the course of this

work's composition in its recording of the originally intended concluding movement.

#### Extraordinary Trio

It was with his only genuine piano trio that Niels Wilhelm Gade wrote what was also his most masterful composition. The Trio in F major has four movements with the scherzo in the second position. The orchestral finale radiating in the brightest colors – and not only it – offers the three musicians an optimal opportunity for displaying the top quality that has earned them a long list of prizes.

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