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Wolfgang Amadeus
MOZART
(1756-1791)

Playing
Time
69:56

- 1** Quartet No. 1 in G minor for Piano and Strings, K. 478 20:38
- 2** Allegro 7:27
- 3** Andante 6:37
- 4** Rondo [Allegro] 6:34
- Recorded 18th August 1946 in Hollywood

- 5** Quartet No. 2 in E flat major for Piano and Strings, K. 493 21:58
- 6** Allegro 7:17
- 7** Larghetto 6:44
- 8** Allegro 7:57
- Recorded 20th August 1946 in Hollywood

George Szell, Piano
Members of the Budapest String Quartet:
Joseph Roisman, violin; Boris Kroyt, viola; Mischa Schneider, cello

- 9** Quintet in A major for Clarinet and Strings, K. 581 27:20
- 10** Allegro 6:09
- 11** Larghetto 5:42
- 12** Menuetto 6:29
- 13** Allegretto con variazioni 9:00
- Recorded 25th April 1938 in New York City

Benny Goodman, Clarinet
Budapest String Quartet:
Joseph Roisman, violin I; Alexander Schneider, violin II,
Boris Kroyt, viola; Mischa Schneider, cello

Restored from original undubbed pressings, this adventurous 1938 recording of Mozart's *Clarinet Quintet* brings together "the King of Swing", Benny Goodman, and the great Budapest String Quartet. A firm favourite with the record-buying public, this interpretation is notable for Goodman's extrovert, outdoor style, and the Quartet's inimitable playing. The 1946 Hollywood recordings of the two Mozart *Piano Quartets* were the first recordings George Szell made in the United States, just before he assumed the directorship of the Cleveland Orchestra. Already a conductor of almost three decades' experience, Szell had begun his career as a prodigy in both composition and piano playing. In these recordings his aristocratic playing offsets the Budapest's gorgeous string playing to perfection, with Boris Kroyt's lovely tone on the viola coming through the texture marvellously.

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