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BEETHOVEN • SCHUBERT • GRIEG

Violin Sonatas

Fritz Kreisler, Violin • Sergey Rachmaninov, Piano

Recorded 1928

Playing
Time
72:50

BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 8 in G, Op. 30, No. 3		15:14
1	Allegro assai	4:36
2	Tempo di minuetto, ma molto moderato e grazioso	7:15
3	Allegro vivace	3:23
BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 8 in G, Op. 30, No. 3 (Unissued alternate take version)		15:11
4	Allegro assai	4:32
5	Tempo di minuetto, ma molto moderato e grazioso	7:17
6	Allegro vivace	3:22
SCHUBERT: Violin Sonata No. 5 in A, D.574		19:27
7	Allegro moderato	6:18
8	Scherzo: Presto - Trio	4:12
9	Andantino	3:55
10	Allegro vivace	5:01
GRIEG: Violin Sonata No. 3 in C minor, Op. 45		22:58
11	Allegro molto ed appassionato	8:58
12	Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza	6:35
13	Allegro animato	7:25

The pairing of Fritz Kreisler and Sergey Rachmaninov was one of those unlikely-looking phenomena which make human relations so rewarding and unpredictable. Despite Kreisler's warm-hearted, rather indolent character and Rachmaninov's cool perfectionism, they got on famously and were great admirers of each other's art. They were persuaded by their manager to make these joint recordings. Beethoven's *Violin Sonata No. 8* took 3 days to record in 27 takes. A second performance, included here, has been constructed from approved vinyl test pressings which were kept as back-ups. For the Grieg *Sonata* though, all but the best of 31 takes were destroyed.

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A detailed tracklist can be found in the booklet.

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