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Wolfgang Amadeus
MOZART
(1756-1791)

Playing
Time
75:16

The Four Horn Concertos

Quintet for Piano and Wind Instruments

[1]-[2]	Horn Concerto No. 1 in D major, K. 412	(8:16)
[3]-[5]	Horn Concerto No. 2 in E flat major, K. 417	(13:44)
[6]-[8]	Horn Concerto No. 3 in E flat major, K. 447	(15:53)
[9]-[11]	Horn Concerto No. 4 in E flat major, K. 495	(16:05)

Dennis Brain, horn
Philharmonia Orchestra • Herbert von Karajan

Recorded in Kingsway Hall, London,
12th, 13th and 23rd November 1953

[12]-[14]	Quintet in E flat major for Piano and Wind Instruments, K. 452	(21:30)
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Walter Gieseking, piano
Philharmonia Wind Ensemble
(Sidney Sutcliffe, oboe; Bernard Walton, clarinet;
Dennis Brain, horn; Cecil James, bassoon)

Recorded in EMI Abbey Road Studio No. 1, London,
15th April 1955

Although it is now nearly half a century since the legendary horn player Dennis Brain died at the early age of 36 on 1st September 1957, killed at the wheel of his car while on an overnight journey home from a concert at the Edinburgh Festival, his reputation has never dimmed. Possessed with an astonishing mastery of the whole range of the instrument, Brain played with remarkable delicacy of execution in rapid staccato passages, allied to an innate subtlety of phrasing. Elegant, buoyant and effortlessly exuberant, these famous 1953 performances of the four Mozart concertos continue to be the yardstick by which all subsequent versions are measured.

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