

The six string quartets designated Haydn's Op. 3 pose an ongoing problem to musicologists owing to the questionable nature of their authenticity. Leaving this issue aside, however, the quartets are well worth hearing on their own merits. These are elegant, neatly-composed works with lively outer movements, gentle, graceful slow movements and the kind of lilting, intoxicating minuets that are such an integral part of Austrian music of the classical period. This recording includes the so-called 'Serenade' Quartet, Op. 3, No. 5, with its justly-popular second movement, and the unusual two-movement Op. 3 No. 4.

Joseph
HAYDN
(1732-1809)

attrib. to Romanus Hoffstetter (1742-1815)

String Quartets Op. 3, Nos. 3-6

String Quartet in G major,

Op. 3, No. 3

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| 1 | Presto | 2:59 |
| 2 | Largo | 6:33 |
| 3 | Menuetto | 2:46 |
| 4 | Presto | 3:35 |

String Quartet in B flat major,

Op. 3, No. 4

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| 5 | Allegro moderato | 6:37 |
| 6 | Adagio | 3:08 |

String Quartet in F major,

Op. 3, No. 5 "Serenade Quartet" 15:21

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| 7 | Presto | 4:20 |
| 8 | Andante cantabile
('Serenade') | 5:03 |
| 9 | Menuetto | 2:55 |
| 10 | Scherzando | 3:03 |

String Quartet in A major,

Op. 3, No. 6 15:36

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| 11 | Tempo giusto | 4:34 |
| 12 | Adagio | 5:46 |
| 13 | Menuetto | 2:05 |
| 14 | Scherzando | 3:11 |

Kodály Quartet

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János Fejérvári, Viola • György Éder, Violoncello

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