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Although Brahms arranged many of his own works for piano, either played through to friends or published in this form for a wider public, he also turned his attention to the music of other composers. Brahms' piano duet version of Schumann's *Piano Quintet* is so effective that it almost rivals the original, criticised by some at the time for its overwhelming piano part. The transcription of his friend Joachim's *Hamlet Overture* evokes all the drama of Shakespeare's play. By arranging twenty *Ländler* for piano duet, Brahms was among those who helped to foster Schubert's posthumous reputation.

Johannes BRAHMS

(1833-1897)

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| Robert Schumann (1810-56): Piano | | 11 | No. 6 | 1:06 |
| Quartet in E flat major, Op. 47 | 28:11 | 12 | No. 7 | 0:43 |
| 1 Sostenuto assai – | | 13 | No. 8 | 0:25 |
| Allegro ma non troppo | 9:21 | 14 | No. 9 | 0:46 |
| 2 Scherzo: Molto vivace | 3:57 | 15 | No. 10 | 0:46 |
| 3 Andante cantabile | 7:00 | 16 | No. 11 | 0:38 |
| 4 Finale: Vivace | 7:52 | 17 | No. 12 | 0:55 |
| 5 Joseph Joachim (1831-1907): | | 18 | No. 13 | 0:44 |
| Hamlet Overture, Op. 4 | 16:35 | 19 | No. 14 | 0:51 |
| Franz Schubert (1797-1828): | | 20 | No. 15 | 0:57 |
| Twenty Ländler | 16:30 | 21 | No. 16 | 0:49 |
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| 6 No. 1 | 1:00 | 22 | No. 17 | 0:48 |
| 7 No. 2 | 0:47 | 23 | No. 18 | 0:59 |
| 8 No. 3 | 0:55 | 24 | No. 19 | 0:28 |
| 9 No. 4 | 0:40 | 25 | No. 20 | 1:34 |
| 10 No. 5 | 0:37 | | | |

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