

Franz Joseph Haydn's surviving 52 keyboard sonatas were written during a time of important changes to both keyboard instruments and the structure of sonata form. The harpsichord, for which Haydn wrote his earlier sonatas, was being replaced by the fortepiano with its more expressive hammer action, which in turn evolved into the more robust pianoforte. The sonatas presented here show Haydn exploring the dynamic possibilities of the new instrument.

Franz Joseph
HAYDN
(1732–1809)

Piano Sonatas Nos. 43, 44 and 47
Variations in F minor, 'Un Piccolo Divertimento'

Sonata No. 43 in E flat major, Hob.XVI: 28		Sonata No. 47 in B minor, Hob. XVI: 32			
1	Allegro moderato	9:46	7	Allegro moderato	6:31
2	Menuet	3:19	8	Menuet	3:23
3	Finale: Presto	3:37	9	Finale: Presto	5:06
Sonata No. 44 in F major, Hob. XVI: 29		Variations in F minor, Hob. XVII: 6 (Un Piccolo Divertimento)			
4	Moderato	7:40	10	Andante	16:05
5	Adagio	4:38			
6	Tempo di Menuet	4:26			

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