

Successful during his lifetime as a composer in a variety of genres, Rheinberger is remembered today largely for his twenty organ sonatas and other shorter compositions for the instrument. The sonatas, composed in a bold and virtuosic style, rank among the major works composed for the 'king of instruments' during the nineteenth century. The *Twelve Monologues*, six of which are heard on this disc, range across a variety of keys and emotional moods, culminating in an elaborate setting of a chorale best known from its use in the *St Matthew Passion* of J.S. Bach, whose influence may also be heard in Rheinberger's *D minor Prelude and Fugue*.

Joseph Gabriel
RHEINBERGER
 (1839-1901)
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Sonata No. 17 in B major, Op. 181, Fantasie-Sonata	
1 Fantasie: Moderato grave – Poco animato – Tempo I	25:00 11:23
2 Intermezzo: Molto andante	5:08
3 Introduction and Fugue: Grave – Fugue	8:27
Prelude and Fugue in D minor, JWV 10	
4 Prelude	6:21 3:21
5 Fugue	3:00
Monologues, Op. 162, Nos. 1–6	
6 I. Con moto in C major	18:07 2:25
7 II. Poco agitato in A minor	2:25
8 III. Andante tranquillo in E major	3:27
9 IV. Andantino in E flat minor	2:48
10 V. Andante amabile in G major	3:28
11 VI. Largo espressivo in B minor	3:22
Sonata No. 18 in A major, Op. 188	
12 Phantasie: Grave	24:49 6:35
13 Capriccio: Agitato –	4:55
14 Idylle: Andantino pastorale	5:13
15 Finale: Con moto – Andante molto	8:04

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