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Schoenberg's *Three Piano Pieces* come from 1894, long before he had developed the theories that led to serial music. His pupil Berg's *Sonata, Op. 1* was written as his period of study came to an end. Paul Hindemith represents a different and equally original school of composition, his three *Piano Sonatas* dating from the later 1930s when his work, like that of Berg and Schoenberg, had already been condemned by Germany's Nazi government. Hartmann, who has enjoyed less distinction, studied with Schoenberg's pupil Webern and was a survivor of the political events of the 1930s and of the war. His *Sonata* of 1945, revised in 1947, reflects his reaction to the events through which he had lived.

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| | ALBAN BERG (1885–1935) | |
| 1 | Piano Sonata, Op. 1 | 10:46 |
| | PAUL HINDEMITH (1895–1963) | |
| | Piano Sonata No. 2 | 12:17 |
| 2 | I. Mäßig schnell | 3:01 |
| 3 | II. Lebhaft | 2:04 |
| 4 | III. Sehr langsam – Rondo: Bewegt | 7:11 |
| | ARNOLD SCHOENBERG (1874–1951) | |
| | Drei Klavierstücke (Three Piano Pieces) | 10:21 |
| 5 | I. Andantino | 3:27 |
| 6 | II. Andantino grazioso | 3:50 |
| 7 | III. Presto | 2:58 |
| | KARL AMADEUS HARTMANN (1905–1963) | |
| | Piano Sonata, '27 April 1945' | 31:16 |
| 8 | I. Bewegt | 4:45 |
| 9 | II. Scherzo: Presto assai | 3:50 |
| 10 | III. Marcia Funebre: Lento | 10:26 |
| 11 | IV. Allegro risoluto (1st version) | 6:28 |
| 12 | IV. Allegro furioso (2nd version) | 5:41 |

Allison Brewster Franzetti, Piano



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