

Ferdinand Ries, Beethoven's friend and pupil, was an exceptionally gifted composer whose prophetic piano sonatas foreshadow Schubert's poignant harmonic language, Mendelssohn's expressively sweet melodies and Chopin's brilliant figuration. While the sonatas and sonatinas on this disc inevitably show the influence of his teacher, Ries also explored the piano's sonorities and expressive capacities in a uniquely personal fashion and with striking originality. Volume 1, also featuring Susan Kagan, is available on Naxos 8.570796.



**Ferdinand
RIES**
(1784-1838)

Piano Sonatas and Sonatinas • 2

**Sonata in C major,
Op. 1, No. 1**

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| 1 | Allegro con brio | 10:58 |
| 2 | Adagio ma non tanto | 6:16 |
| 3 | Menuetto and Trio: Moderato | 3:25 |
| 4 | Rondo: Allegretto quasi allegro | 9:36 |

**Sonata in A minor,
Op. 1, No. 2**

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| 5 | Allegro molto | 6:47 |
| 6 | Andante quasi allegretto
scherzando | 6:28 |
| 7 | Finale: Allegro | 8:04 |

**Sonatina in B flat major,
Op. 5, No. 1**

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| 8 | Allegro ma non troppo | 5:37 |
| 9 | Andantino | 2:06 |
| 10 | Rondo: Allegretto | 4:00 |

**Sonatina in F major,
Op. 5, No. 2**

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| 11 | Allegro non troppo | 3:32 |
| 12 | Andantino | 3:16 |
| 13 | Rondo: Allegretto vivace | 3:22 |



Susan Kagan, Piano

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