

Ferdinand Ries, Beethoven's friend and pupil, was an exceptionally gifted composer in whose strangely prophetic piano sonatas one encounters Schubert's poignant harmonic language, Mendelssohn's expressive, sweet melodies and Chopin's brilliant figuration. This recording features the magisterial *Sonatas, Op. 11* (Paris 1807-08) and the lovely *Sonatina in A minor, Op. 45* which was composed during Ries's eventful concert tour in Russia during 1811-12.

**Ferdinand  
RIES**  
(1784-1838)



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| <b>Sonata in F minor, Op. 11, No. 2</b>               | <b>19:37</b> |
| 1 <b>Largo con espressione – Allegro agitato</b>      | <b>9:23</b>  |
| 2 <b>Larghetto</b>                                    | <b>4:36</b>  |
| 3 <b>Allegro</b>                                      | <b>5:35</b>  |
| <b>Sonata in E flat major, Op. 11, No. 1</b>          | <b>21:50</b> |
| 4 <b>Allegro moderato</b>                             | <b>10:09</b> |
| 5 <b>Andante</b>                                      | <b>4:40</b>  |
| 6 <b>Allegretto moderato (theme and 6 variations)</b> | <b>6:54</b>  |
| <b>Sonatina in A minor, Op. 45</b>                    | <b>8:26</b>  |
| 7 <b>Allegro moderato</b>                             | <b>4:43</b>  |
| 8 <b>Allegretto scherzando</b>                        | <b>3:40</b>  |



**Susan Kagan, Piano**

Includes Free Downloadable Bonus Track (Hummel: *Piano Sonata No. 9 in C major, III. Finale: Allegro assai*) available at [www.classiconline.com](http://www.classiconline.com). Please see booklet for full details.

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