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Complete Piano Sonatas, Concertos and Symphony Transcriptions

"Biret grasps the size of Beethoven's style. The polyphony is laid out in a relaxed way with little indulgence in point making. She keeps the big line and yet is thankfully sparing in her use of fortissimos. The piano tone is sumptuous. Biret's gentle and almost sensuous sonorities are really captivating. One is reminded that her mentor has been Wilhelm Kempff."

GRAMOPHONE

"Idil Biret gives an impressive performance. A supreme mastery of tempi, sonorities, polyphony and technique permits Biret – a disciple of Alfred Cortot – to embrace all the moods of Beethoven and gives her playing a symphonic depth rarely heard until now."

LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR

"Idil Biret has recently recorded Liszt's transcriptions of Beethoven's nine Symphonies for EMI. Her superbly authentic performance of the 5th Symphony, heard at her Herküllsaal recital in Munich, received a thunderous reception."

MÜNCHNER MERKUR

Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, Op. 57

26:21

(Appassionata)

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| 1 | Allegro assai | 10:34 |
| 2 | Andante con moto <i>attacca</i> | 06:41 |
| 3 | Allegro ma non troppo - Presto | 09:05 |

Sonata No. 28 in A major, Op.101

23:19

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| 4 | Allegretto, ma non troppo | 04:55 |
| 5 | Vivace alla marcia | 06:54 |
| 6 | Adagio, ma non troppo, con affetto | 03:03 |
| 7 | Allegro | 08:27 |

Sonata No. 31 in A flat major, Op. 110

20:18

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| 8 | Moderato cantabile | 06:17 |
| 9 | Molto allegro | 02:28 |
| 10 | Adagio, ma non troppo - Fuga: Allegro, ma non troppo | 11:33 |

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 Booklet notes: Bill Newman



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69:57



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