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The plectrum lute duo was one of the most popular ensembles for professional instrumentalists in late 15th-century Western Europe. This recording presents for the first time the bulk of a surviving repertoire that can arguably be considered for the lute duo, performed on two equal plectrum lutes or with a combination of lute and gittern – a smaller member of the lute family. The album, inspired by the Ferrarese virtuoso Pietrobono dal Chitarino (c.1417–1497), acclaimed in his lifetime as ‘the foremost lutenist in the world’, includes the earliest printed lute duos by Francesco Spinacino and Joan Ambrosio Dalza and the two-voice instrumental works by Johannes Tinctoris. The often highly ornamented instrumental duos are mostly reworkings of songs, some of which are given here in a performance with the singer Grace Newcombe to provide the context for the lute arrangements that follow.

TWO LUTES WITH GRACE

Plectrum Lute Duos of the Late 15th Century

AGRICOLA • BEDYNGHAM • DALZA
DES PREZ • FRYE • GHISELIN • GHIZEGHEM
ROELKIN • SPINACINO • TINCTORIS

INCLUDES WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet

Marc Lewon, Plectrum Lute, Gittern
Paul Kieffer, Plectrum Lute
Grace Newcombe, Voice

CO-PRODUCTION
WITH

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Recorded: 20–22 February 2018 at Konzerthaus Blaibach, Germany • Recording engineer: Bastian Schick
Sound engineer: Andreas Haeuber • Executive producer: Dr Thorsten Preuß (BR) • Recording producer and
digital editor: Jürgen Rummel • Booklet notes: Bonnie J. Blackburn • Instruments: two plectrum lutes in A
(Stephen Gottlieb, 2001); gittern (George Stevens, 2004) • A co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk – Studio
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