

Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger's musical legacy can be found in his reputation as a renowned organist and professor as well as in his extraordinary facility and productivity as a composer in all forms, including a considerable amount of solo piano music. From the high-spirited *Second Sonata* to his final *Fourth Sonata* with its defiant opening and hymn-like *Romance*, Rheinberger's piano sonatas are polished, beautifully balanced and tasteful, drawing on established Classical-Romantic traditions while being especially effective in producing flowing and memorable melodies.

Joseph Gabriel  
**RHEINBERGER**  
(1839–1901)

Musikakademie  
in Liechtenstein

**Piano Sonata No. 2 in D flat major, Op. 99 (1876)**

**19:06**

- 1 I. Non troppo mosso
- 2 II. Romanze: Andante espressivo
- 3 III. Finale: Con fuoco ed espressivo

7:09  
6:03  
5:54

**Piano Sonata No. 3 in E flat major, Op. 135 (1883)**

**27:48**

- 4 I. Moderato e con espressione
- 5 II. Scherzo: Vivo
- 6 III. Poco adagio
- 7 IV. Finale: Allegro

8:40  
4:24  
7:59  
6:45

**Piano Sonata No. 4 in F sharp minor, Op. 184 'Romantic' (1864–96)**

**27:45**

- 8 I. Moderato
- 9 II. Romanze: Andante molto
- 10 III. Intermezzo: Largo – Allegro
- 11 IV. Finale: Presto agitato

8:53  
6:04  
6:23  
6:25

**Dmytro Semykras, Piano**

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