

The ‘Stradivari Quartett in Concert’ series presents this second volume – *Songs of Yearning* – a live recording captured during the ensemble’s Klangwelle concert in Zurich. The album features three remarkable works: Dvořák’s radiant ‘*American*’ *Quartet*, five lyrical selections from his *Cypresses*, and the world premiere recording of Swiss composer David Philip Hefti’s *String Quartet No. 8* – a work expressly commissioned for the ensemble and designed to be performed interspersed with the *Cypresses*, as heard in this recording. Founded in 2007, Stradivari Quartett has earned global acclaim for its sophisticated musicianship and profound interpretations that affirm the quartet’s standing among today’s foremost ensembles.

Stradivari Quartett

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SONGS OF YEARNING

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| ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK (1841–1904) | |
| String Quartet No. 12 in F major, Op. 9, B. 179 ‘American’ (1893) | 26:35 |
| 1 I. Allegro ma non troppo | 9:32 |
| 2 II. Lento | 7:40 |
| 3 III. Molto vivace | 3:55 |
| 4 IV. Vivace ma non troppo | 5:28 |

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| ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK | |
| Cypresses, B. 152 (1887) | 12:59 |
| 5 II. Death Reigns | 2:31 |
| 7 V. Here Gaze I | 3:11 |
| 9 VII. I Wander Often | 2:01 |
| 11 XI. Nature Lies Peaceful | 2:24 |
| 13 XII. You are Asking Why | 2:52 |

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| DAVID PHILIP HEFTI (b. 1975) | |
| Songs of Yearning | |
| String Quartet No. 8 (2024)* | 21:08 |
| 6 I. Joyfully | 4:19 |
| 8 II. Relentlessly | 5:29 |
| 10 III. Wistfully | 3:23 |
| 12 IV. Soulfully | 7:57 |

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

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