Louis Spohr was seen in his day as a worthy successor to Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, and completed his *Third Symphony* whilst at the apex of his personal and professional life. This is reflected in a forward-looking, confident and compelling work which sublimely balances mood and atmosphere, including a passionate *Larghetto* and a joyous, life-affirming *Finale*. In his *Sixth Symphony*, Spohr drew inspiration for each movement from a different musical era; from the music of Bach and Handel in the first movement through to the finale 'The Very Latest Period', a lively and sardonic satire on what Spohr felt to be the superficial and flashy compositional style of the time.

Louis SPOHR

(1784-1859)

Symphonies Nos. 3 and 6

Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Op. 78 (1828)

- 1
 Andante grave Allegro
 8:55
 3
 Scherzo Trio
 6:46

 2
 Larghetto
 7:42
 4
 Finale Allegro
 9:49
 - Symphony No. 6 in G major, Op. 116 (1839)

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- 5 Bach-Händel'sche Periode (1720)
 The Age of Bach and Handel
 Largo grave Allegro moderato
 7:31
 Beethoven'sche Periode (1810)
 The Age of Beethoven
 Scherzo
 6:28
- 6 Haydn-Mozart'sche Periode (1780)
 The Age of Haydn and Mozart
 Larghetto
 9:21

 8 Allerneueste Periode (1840)
 The Very Latest Period
 Allegro vivace
 6:37

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