

In his lifetime Wenzel Pichl was esteemed as one of the foremost European composers of the age. A friend of Dittersdorf, whose works exerted a strong influence on his development, Pichl wrote symphonies that rank among the most interesting of the period. The symphonies featured on this recording, all of which were composed in the 1760s and take as their subject mythical figures from classical antiquity, reveal a composer of flair and technical resourcefulness.



Wenzel
PICHL
(1741-1805)
Symphonies

**Sinfonia in C major,
'Calliope' (Zakin 11)**

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| 1 | Grave e maestoso | 4:51 |
| 2 | Andante (sempre piano) | 3:19 |
| 3 | Minuetto | 3:07 |
| 4 | Finale: Allegro assai | 3:10 |

**Sinfonia in B flat major,
'Melpomene' (Zakin 14)**

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| 5 | Allegro con brio | 5:14 |
| 6 | Andante arioso – poco vivace | 6:34 |
| 7 | Minuetto & Trio | 3:40 |
| 8 | Finale: Allegro | 3:40 |

**Sinfonia in E major,
'Clio' (Zakin 8)**

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| 9 | Allegro | 7:18 |
| 10 | Andante in canone | 2:43 |
| 11 | Minuetto | 4:12 |
| 12 | Finale: Allegro | 3:20 |

**Sinfonia in D major,
'Diana' (Zakin 16)**

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| 13 | Allegro non troppo | 7:43 |
| 14 | Andante arioso | 6:20 |
| 15 | Minuetto: poco vivace | 2:38 |
| 16 | Finale: Presto | 4:54 |

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