

The first German artist to win the international Naumburg Violin Award in New York, Axel Strauss was acclaimed for his recording of Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words* (8.570213) as 'an excellent violinist who plays these with wit and verve'. On this disc he revels in the virtuosic and expressive opportunities offered by Pierre Rode's *24 Caprices*, which preceded those of Paganini by several years. Rode's *Violin Concertos Nos. 7, 10 and 13*, performed by Friedemann Eichhorn, are also available in the 19th Century Violinist Composers series (8.570469).

Pierre  
**RODE**  
(1774–1830)

## 24 Caprices for Solo Violin

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| 1 No. 1 in C major: Cantabile – Moderato | 3:28 | 13 No. 13 in G flat major: Grazioso                              | 4:11 |
| 2 No. 2 in A minor: Allegretto           | 1:37 | 14 No. 14 in E flat minor: Adagio con espressione – Appassionato | 3:52 |
| 3 No. 3 in G major: Comodo               | 2:36 | 15 No. 15 in D flat major: Vivace assai                          | 1:51 |
| 4 No. 4 in E minor: Siciliano – Allegro  | 3:18 | 16 No. 16 in B flat minor: Andante                               | 4:50 |
| 5 No. 5 in D major: Moderato             | 3:52 | 17 No. 17 in A flat major: Vivacissimo                           | 1:39 |
| 6 No. 6 in B minor: Adagio – Moderato    | 3:56 | 18 No. 18 in F minor: Presto                                     | 1:25 |
| 7 No. 7 in A major: Moderato             | 3:59 | 19 No. 19 in E flat major: Arioso – Allegretto                   | 5:32 |
| 8 No. 8 in F sharp minor: Moderato assai | 1:49 | 20 No. 20 in C minor: Grave e sostenuto                          | 4:29 |
| 9 No. 9 in E major: Adagio – Allegretto  | 4:35 | 21 No. 21 in B flat major: Tempo giusto                          | 3:36 |
| 10 No. 10 in C sharp minor: Allegretto   | 1:57 | 22 No. 22 in G minor: Presto                                     | 2:44 |
| 11 No. 11 in B major: Allegro brillante  | 3:58 | 23 No. 23 in F major: Moderato                                   | 2:31 |
| 12 No. 12 in G sharp minor: Comodo       | 1:16 | 24 No. 24 in D minor: Introduzione – Agitato e con fuoco         | 2:45 |



### Axel Strauss, Violin

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