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BEETHOVEN. Complete Variations for Piano, vol. 2

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Freedom within constraint: in praise of variation

After a formidable first volume, Cédric Tiberghien continues his exploration of Beethoven's corpus of variations. At the heart of this new album are the famous Thirty-two Variations in C minor and their tangy reminiscences of Bach – the Ciaccona from Partita no.2 for violin solo, presented here in Brahms's masterly transcription. He also takes the opportunity to show us what a certain school of American composers (Crumb, Cage, Feldman) has made of this tradition of variation form.

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Artists

- Cédric Tiberghien
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Composers

- Ludwig van Beethoven
- Johann Sebastian Bach
- Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
- John Cage
- Morton Feldman
- George Crumb

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(Anonymous)

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