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LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Razoumovsky Quartets

Tokyo String Quartet

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The world-renowned Tokyo String Quartet, playing with fresh vigor in its new formation, begins a series of recordings for harmonia mundi usa. With his revolutionary quartets of Opus 59, Beethoven left behind the classical confines of the genre and gave it a truly symphonic dimension.

The *"new lineup of the Tokyo [Quartet] blends brio and warmth"* - **The New York Times**br />

Artists

- Tokyo String Quartet

Composers

- Ludwig van Beethoven

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LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN [1770-1827]

Quartet VII in F major Op.59, No.1

- Allegro (11'05)
- Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando (9'13)
- Adagio molto e mesto (12'19)
- Thème russe : Allegro (7'59)

Quartet VIII in E minor Op.59, No.2

- Allegro (10'15)
- Molto adagio (12'28)
- Allegretto (7'46)
- Finale: Presto (5'45)

Quartet IX in C major Op.59, No.3

- Introduzione: Andante con moto - Allegro vivace (10'43)
- Andante con moto quasi Allegretto (9'20)
- Menuetto: Grazioso (5'23)
- Finale: Allegro molto (5'51)