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JOHANNES BRAHMS

## Sonatas for clarinet and piano op.120

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The two sonatas for clarinet and piano, composed in 1894, were Brahms's last chamber works. Knowing that he could count on the virtuosity of their dedicatee, the prodigious clarinetist Richard Mühlfeld (1856-1907), Brahms enthusiastically exploited all the expressive possibilities of the instrument. Under the fingers of Lorenzo Coppola, the clarinet prays, sobs, dreams or laughs, bringing astonishing conviction to all these varied emotions.

### Artists

- Lorenzo Coppola  
Clarinet
- Andreas Staier  
Piano

### Composers

- Johannes Brahms

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JOHANNES BRAHMS [1833-1897]

#### **Sonata for clarinet and piano op.120 no.1 in F minor**

*fa mineur / f-Moll*

- I. Allegro appassionato (7'56)
- II. Andante un poco adagio (4'33)
- III. Allegro grazioso (4'00)
- IV. Vivace (5'01)

#### **Sechs Klavierstücke op.118**

- I. *Intermezzo*. Allegro non assai, ma molto appassionato (1'42)
- II. *Intermezzo*. Andante teneramente (5'13)
- III. *Ballade*. Allegro energico (3'23)
- IV. *Intermezzo*. Allegretto un poco agitato (2'38)
- V. *Romanze*. Andante (3'31)
- VI. *Intermezzo*. Andante, largo e mesto (4'38)

#### **Sonata for clarinet and piano op.120 no.2 in E flat major**

*Mi bémol majeur / Es-Dur*

- I. Allegro amabile (8'05)
- II. Allegro appassionato (4'38)
- III. Andante con moto - Allegro - Più tranquillo (6'48)