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LEOS JANÁČEK

String Quartets nos 1 & 2

Melos Quartett

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"Search within yourselves and be true"

... or music as a witness to a rule of life: Janáček's only precept is perfectly illustrated in these two autobiographical masterpieces. The subject of the First Quartet (1923) is the conjugal drama described by Tolstoy in his *Kreutzer Sonata*, even if Janáček is not absolutely faithful to his model... As for the Second Quartet (*Intimate Pages*) of 1928, it is an extremely elaborate chronicle of a late love of the "old white-maned lion"...

This title was released for the first time in 1992.



Artists Composers

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LEOŠ JANÁČEK [1854-1928]

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Streichquartett Nr.1 "Kreutzer-Sonate"

- Adagio. Con moto (4'03)
- Con moto (4'33)
- Con moto. Vivo. Andante (3'58)
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Quatuor à cordes n°2

"Lettres intimes" (1928)

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Streichquartett Nr.2 "Intime Briefe"

- Andante. Con moto. Allegro (6'22)
- Adagio. Vivace (6'10)
- Moderato. Adagio. Allegro (5'36)
- Allegro. Andante. Adagio (7'38)