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Anthology

'Tis too late to be wise

Kitgut Quartet

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Liberty, enthusiasm and sharing: that might well be the motto of the Kitgut Quartet (named for the 'kitgut' or catgut strings it uses), which brings together four outstanding soloists, all of them members of the leading period-instrument European ensembles. This first recording devoted to Haydn and England (Purcell, Locke, Blow) explores the origins of the string quartet via a number of carefully chosen gems. A journey through time with plenty of surprises in store!



Artists

- Kitgut Quartet String Quartet
- Amandine Beyer

Composers

- Henry Purcell
- Matthew Locke
- Joseph Haydn
- John Blow

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HENRY PURCELL [1659-1695]

· **Fantasia a 4 No. 8, Z. 742** G Major / *Sol majeur* / G-Dur (3'20)

· **Curtain Tune on a ground** (1'59)

MATTHEW LOCKE [1621-1677]

· **Curtain Tune** (3'56)

Consort of Four Parts, Suite No. 2 D Major / *Ré majeur* / D-Dur

· I. Fantazie (3'27)

· II. Courante (0'55)

· III. Ayre (1'38)

· IV. Saraband (1'22)

JOSEPH HAYDN [1732-1809]

String Quartet, Op. 71 No. 2, Hob. III:70

D Major / *Ré majeur* / D-Dur

· I. Adagio (6'08)

· II. Adagio cantabile (5'01)

· III. Menuetto. *Allegro* - Trio (1'54)

· IV. Finale. *Allegretto* (3'24)

HENRY PURCELL

· **Fantasia a 4 No. 2, Z. 736** B-Flat Major / *Si bémol majeur* / B-Dur (2'56)

· Fairest Isle (2'19) **King Arthur**, Z. 628

MATTHEW LOCKE

Consort of Four Parts, Suite No. 1

D Minor / *mi mineur* / d-Moll

· II. Courante (1'04)

· III. Ayre (1'42)

HENRY PURCELL [1659-1695]

- **King Arthur**, Z. 628
Hornpipe (1'21)
 - **Pavan**, Z. 752
G Minor / *sol mineur* / g-Moll (4'40)
 - **Chacony**, Z. 730
G Minor / *sol mineur* / g-Moll (3'57)
- JOHN BLOW [1649-1708]
- **Act II:** Act Tune (2'03)