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**Heinrich von Herzogenberg**  
(1843-1900)  
Piano Trios op. 24 & 36

**Vienna Piano Trio**

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### Soul Searching

Heinrich von Herzogenberg's search for selfhood finally came to fruition in his two piano trios. After highly promising successes in his native Graz with large-format works modeled on Wagner, the talented young composer experienced a creative and existential crisis from which he first recovered when he turned to Johannes Brahms. The Vienna Piano Trio documents this artistic awakening with a top-quality interpretation on SACD adding a new facet to the reception of Herzogenberg's music after its sleeping beauty's century of slumbering.

### Concentrated Effort

Herzogenberg quipped about his second Trio op. 36, "Just make it as short as possible; then it perhaps will be tolerable!" Although it certainly was intended as a humorous remark, this comment nonetheless articulates a compact musical program: the greatest concentration, attention to the essentials, and the elimination of longwinded chatter distinguish Herzogenberg's chamber music, which in this respect is in every way a match for his great model Brahms.

### Magic Mirroring

Herzogenberg so deliberately followed the path on which Brahms had set out that (if we did not know better) we now and again might think that we were listening to a previously undiscovered work by Brahms. Brahms himself gave Herzogenberg's compositions a rather cold reception. Might the great Northern German perhaps have been shocked by the anything but epigonic creative power displayed by his

younger fellow composer, who held up a magic mirror to him showing him the path leading to the future?

### Concert Experience

The Vienna Piano Trio dedicates itself without preconceived notions to this magnificent music. With their powerful performance style and youthfully fresh verve the three instrumentalists inspire standing ovations from their audiences. To those who want to experience the same at home we recommend this thrilling Super Audio CD's three-dimensional 2+2+2 reproduction – the closest thing to playing these works yourselves!

### Johannes Brahms

Complete Piano Trios Vol. 1  
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### Smetana: Trio op. 15

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