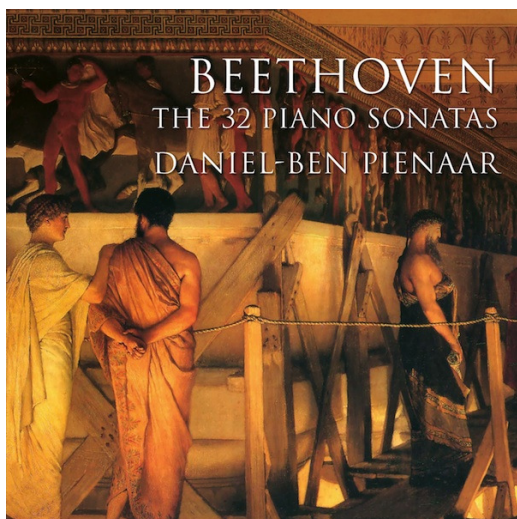




new release information

FEBRUARY 2015



artist: Daniel-Ben Pienaar, piano
title: Beethoven The 32 Piano Sonatas
price: Premium price – 10 CDs
release date: February 2015
selection number: AV 2320
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about the release

Having scaled the heights of J. S. Bach's "48," *The Well-Tempered Clavier* (AV 2299), as well as Bach's *Goldberg Variations* (AV 2235) and Mozart's *Piano Sonatas* (AV 2209), **Daniel-Ben Pienaar** turns to arguably the most revered body of works in the piano repertory, Beethoven's "32." Training his sharp intellect and formidable technique on this touchstone of classical canons, Pienaar's interpretations are altogether as stimulating as they are engaging.

critical acclaim for Daniel-Ben Pienaar

"Pienaar has a technique at once athletic and graceful ... fresh, spontaneous, original readings that shed new light on the keyboard player's Bible." – * * * * / * * * * *BBC Music Magazine Instrumental Choice on Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier* (AV 2299)

"The work has a reputation for difficulty both from the performer's and listener's point of view but the young South African makes light of its technical rigours and springs plenty of interpretative surprises." – *The Sunday Times (London) Classical CD of the Week on Beethoven's Diabelli Variations* (AV 2260)

"This new recording is indispensable for anyone who loves the work." – *BBC Music Magazine on Bach's Goldberg Variations* (AV 2235)

"Interpretations where, within the letter critically observed, a numinous power breaks free. Momentous Mozart." – *Gramophone Editor's Choice, on Mozart The Piano Sonatas* (AV 2209)

summary

Daniel-Ben Pienaar trains his sharp intellect and formidable technique on the most revered body of works in the classical piano repertory, Beethoven's 32 Piano Sonatas.

promotion and marketing

- Print and online advertising in Gramophone, BBC Music Magazine, International Piano, Pianist
- Priority for review in classical magazines, newspapers and e-zines, and specialty media
- E-blast to Avie mailing list (c. 6,000)

tracklist

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

The 32 Piano Sonatas

CD 1

Piano Sonata No. 1 in F minor
Piano Sonata No. 2 in A major
Piano Sonata No. 3 in C major

CD 2

Piano Sonata No. 4 in E-flat major
Piano Sonata No. 5 in C minor
Piano Sonata No. 6 in F major

CD 3

Piano Sonata No. 7 in D major
Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor "Pathétique"
Piano Sonata No. 9 in E major
Piano Sonata No. 10 in G major

CD 4

Piano Sonata No. 11 in B-flat major
Piano Sonata No. 12 in A-flat major
Piano Sonata No. 13 in E-flat major

CD 5

Piano Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor "Moonlight"
Piano Sonata No. 15 in D major "Pastoral"
Piano Sonata No. 16 in G major

CD 6

Piano Sonata No. 17 in D minor "Tempest"
Piano Sonata No. 18 in E-flat major
Piano Sonata No. 19 in G minor
Piano Sonata No. 20 in G major

CD 7

Piano Sonata No. 21 in C major "Waldstein"
Piano Sonata No. 22 in F major
Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor "Appassionata"

CD 8

Piano Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp major
Piano Sonata No. 25 in G major
Piano Sonata No. 26 in E-flat major "Les adieux"
Piano Sonata No. 27 in E minor (1814)

CD 9

Piano Sonata No. 28 in A major
Piano Sonata No. 29 in B-flat major "Hammerklavier"

CD 10

Piano Sonata No. 30 in E major
Piano Sonata No. 31 in A-flat major
Piano Sonata No. 32 in C minor

Recorded at the Duke's Hall of the Royal Academy of Music, London

Recording dates: 3, 4 & 11 September 2012 (Opp. 2, 7, 10, 13, 14, 22, 26, 27 and 28); □

18 November 2012 (Opp. 49 and 79); 4, 7 & 8 January 2013 (Opp. 31, 53, 54, 57, 78, 81a, and 90); 7 January 2014 (Opp. 101, 109 and 110); 7 & 8 April 2014 (Opp. 106 and 111) Producer: Jonathan Freeman-Attwood