

artists: Frank Almond, violin
William Wolfram, piano

title: A Violin's Life, Volume 2: Music for the Lipiński Stradivari
Beethoven – Maier-Röntgen – Tubin

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about the release

1715: the famed Italian luthier Antonio Stradivari constructs what will become one of his most legendary violins. Among its first owners is Giuseppe Tartini, he of the “Devil’s Trill” Sonata.

c1817: the violin is bequeathed to Polish virtuoso violinist Karol Lipiński who inspired many works for the instrument

2008: after passing through many countries and collections the “Lipiński” Strad arrives in the hands of Frank Almond, through an anonymous donor

2013: Frank Almond releases *A Violin’s Life* (AV 2279), an album that traces the provenance of the “Lipiński” Strad, with music by Schumann, Tartini, Julius Röntgen, and Lipiński himself

January 2014: Following a concert, walking towards his car, Frank Almond is tasered by an assailant and the “Lipiński” Strad is stolen. An FBI pursuit results in the recovery of the “Lipiński” Strad a few weeks later. International media coverage goes viral, including international TV coverage, a feature in *Vanity Fair*, NPR, BBC, and much more.

May 2016: Frank Almond releases *A Violin Life, Volume 2*, featuring more music associated with the “Lipiński” Strad, including works by Beethoven, Amanda Maier-Röntgen and Eduard Tubin, poised to create another classic release.

The “Lipiński” Strad lives on.

critical acclaim

“Almond plays as if his fiddle’s life was on the line – in his hands, the ‘Lipinski’ flourishes and shines in notes spun out with casual virtuosity and graceful poetry” – *The Irish Times*

“the glorious ‘Lipinski’ Stradivarius violin ... which passed through the hands and lives of a number of composers beginning with Giuseppe Tartini, and whose fascinating journey is chronicled on a gorgeous recent CD, “A Violin’s Life,” with performances by Frank Almond” – *Strings magazine*

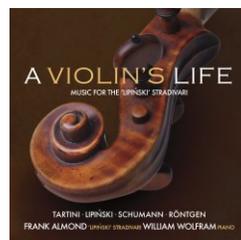
summary

Released in the wake of the sensational theft – and eventual recovery – of his “Lipiński” Strad, **Frank Almond** releases *A Violin’s Life, Volume 2*, featuring works by Beethoven, Amanda Maier-Röntgen and Eduard Tubin.

tracklist

- Ludwig van Beethoven** (1770 – 1827)
Violin Sonata No. 9, Op. 47
I. Adagio sostenuto – Presto
II. Andante con variazioni
III. Presto
- Amanda Maier-Röntgen** (1853 – 1894)
Violin Sonatas in B minor
I. Allegro
II. Andantino
III. Allegro molto vivace
- Eduard Tubin** (1905 – 1982)
Sonata for Solo Violin

also available



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