



new release information

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artist: Cypress String Quartet
with
Barry Shiffman, viola
Zuill Bailey, cello

title: Brahms: The String Sextets

price: Full price

release date: 6 January 2017

selection number: AV 2294

bar code: 822252229424

about the release

The legacy of the **Cypress String Quartet**, which celebrated its 20th anniversary and valedictory season in 2016, is sealed by the ensemble's final recording – the two String Sextets by Johannes Brahms in which they are joined by long-time collaborators, violist **Barry Shiffman** and cellist **Zuill Bailey**. True to form, the Cypress String Quartet applied innovation

to its last recording: live in front of a studio audience at Skywalker Sound Studio and recorded in both high-resolution and analogue formats. In a first, the recording will be released as a 24/96 digital download and stream, on CD, vinyl and 1-inch reel-to-reel tape.

critical acclaim for the Cypress String Quartet

“a tender, deeply expressive interpretation.” – *The New York Times* (on Schubert's String Quintet, AV 2307)

“arresting clarity of sound ... among the most impressive I have heard ... [combining] the utmost scrupulousness and seriousness with a sense of discovery. – *Stereophile*

summary

The **Cypress String Quartet** seals its 20-year legacy with its last recording, the two String Sextets by Brahms, joined by long-time collaborators violist **Barry Shiffman** and cellist **Zuill Bailey**.

tracklist

Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)

String Sextet No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 18

1. I. Allegro ma non troppo (14.16)
2. II. Andante ma moderato (9.32)
3. III. Scherzo: Allegro molto (3.14)
4. IV. Rondo: Poco Allegretto e grazioso (10.00)

String Sextet No. 2, Op. 36

5. I. Allegro non troppo (14.28)
6. II. Scherzo. Allegro non troppo (7.28)
7. III. Poco Adagio (8.56)
8. IV. Poco Allegro (8.42)

Produced by: Cecily Ward & Mark Willsher

Recorded by: Leslie Ann Jones & Mark Willsher

Assistant Engineer: Dann Thompson

Recorded in front of a live studio audience April 26-30, 2016 on the Scoring Stage at Skywalker Sound, a Lucasfilm Ltd. company, Marin County, CA

Live mix recorded simultaneously to Pro-Tools at 192kHz using a Pacific Microsonics Model Two, and an Ampex ATR 100 1" 2 Track machine with custom electronics by Tim De Paravacini

Analog recording by The Tape Project

Tape Operators: Michael Romanowski and Dan Schmalle

Executive Tape Operator: Paul Stubblebine

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

media targets

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listening link

<https://soundcloud.com/usicompanyinternationaltd/sets/cypress-string-quartet-brahms>

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track 3 – Brahms *String Sextet No. 1*: III. Scherzo: Allegro molto

track 8 – Brahms *String Sextet No. 2*: IV. Poco allegro

social media

Cypress String Quartet: Facebook – 6,330; Twitter – 2,000

Zuill Bailey – Facebook – 6,885; Twitter – 680

AVIE Records: Facebook – 720; Twitter – 1,310

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tour dates

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