

QUARTET
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The Wihan Quartet
Leoš Čepický & Jan Schulmeister - violins
Jiří Žigmund - viola • Aleš Kaspřík - cello



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1	Eleanor Rigby/J. Lennon, P. McCartney	1.55
2	Blackbird/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	4.13
3	Can't Buy Me Love/J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.09
4	Julia/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	4.02
5	Come Together/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	2.46
6	Here Comes the Sun/George Harrison	2.58
7	Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.36
8	Michelle/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.15
9	I Will/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	2.43
10	Yesterday/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.37
11	Honey Pie/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.00
12	The Fool on the Hill/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	3.16
13	I Want You (She's So Heavy)/ J. Lennon, P. McCartney	4.45
	Total time:	43.50



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According to the American composer Aaron Copland, the best way of learning something about the sixties is by listening to The Beatles' records. Without any doubt, the music of The Beatles has been a major phenomenon not only of the sixties, but of the 20th century as a whole and their inspiring tunes will continue to live in the widest variety of formats and arrangements.

This CD brings together carefully selected and imaginatively arranged songs by Luboš Krtička (b.1965), a composer of chamber, choral and film music who is also active on the Czech rock and jazz music scene.

The Wihan Quartet

The Wihan Quartet, formed in 1985, were described in International Record Review as: *one of the best quartets in the world today*

They have developed an impressive international career, which includes visits to major festivals in Europe and the Far East. They visit Japan regularly and have had highly acclaimed tours of the United States, Australia and New Zealand. During 2012/13 they were Czech Chamber Music Society Resident Ensemble at the Rudolfinum Dvorak Hall, Prague. They are also frequent visitors to the UK and can often be heard in concert at Wigmore Hall and many other venues.



The Wihan Quartet has won many International Competitions including The Prague Spring Festival and the Osaka 'Chamber Festa'. In 1991, they won both the First Prize and the Audience Prize in the London International String Quartet Competition.

During 2008 the Quartet completed the first ever cycle of Beethoven Quartets in Prague and also repeated this cycle at Blackheath Halls, London. Their landmark series of Beethoven concerts in Prague was recorded for release on CD and DVD on the Nimbus Alliance label and received many accolades. Their recording of Dvorak Op.34/Op.105 was chosen as a 'Recording of the Year' by MusicWeb International and BBC Music Magazine said of their Dvorak Op.61 recording: This is the finest recorded performance I have encountered to date. The Wihan's release of Schubert G Major received an 'Outstanding' from International Record Review and a 'Recommended' from The Strad. The Sunday Times said of the recording: 'This is playing of the highest quality from the Czech quartet. Their tempo for the opening movement is unusually broad, which allows you to savour to the full the harmonic richness of this extraordinary music.'

The Wihan Quartet are the 'Richard Carne Quartet in Residence' at Trinity College of Music, London, and for several years have taught many of the UK's gifted young Quartets at Pro Corda in Suffolk. The Quartet are great supporters of the work of the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust, giving inspirational concerts and master classes to young people in many parts of the the UK.

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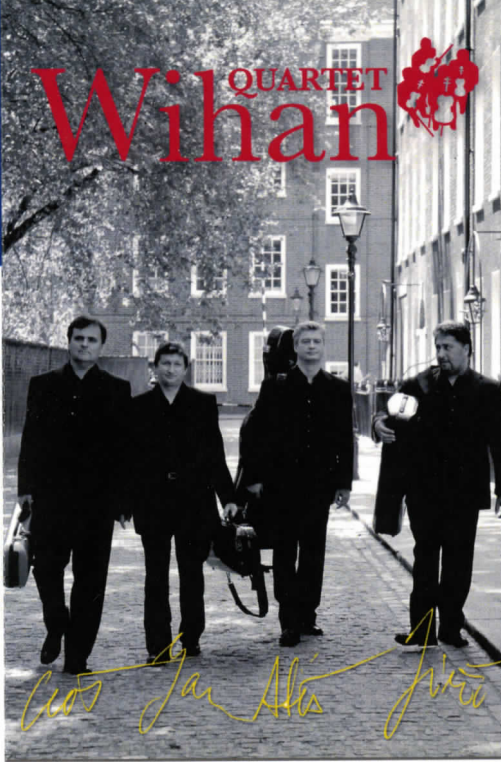
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