



THE GENIUS OF YSAÏE

Elmira Darvarova, violin
 Ronald Carbone, viola
 Samuel Magill, cello

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RELEASE INFO:

"THE GENIUS OF YSAÏE" presents several masterpieces by the legendary Belgian violinist and composer Eugène YsaÏe (1858-1931), including *three world premiere recordings* – the first recording of his recently discovered **Introduction for Solo Viola**, as well as the world premiere recordings of YsaÏe's final versions of his **Two String Trios for violin, viola and cello (Op. 33 and Op. 34)**. YsaÏe's marvelous **Sonata for Solo Cello, Op. 28** is also among the gems on this album, in addition to his most well-known masterpiece – the **"Ballade"** (Sonata No. 3) from his Six Sonatas for Solo Violin Op. 27. The performers of this splendid album – violinist Elmira Darvarova, violist Ronald Carbone and cellist Samuel Magill – have been involved for years with YsaÏe's String Trio No. 1, Op. 33, also known as "Le Chimay" (a work, hailed in the press as one of the greatest chamber music compositions of the 20th Century), and they presented its New York premiere in 2008. After thoroughly studying and researching manuscripts and various editions of YsaÏe's Trios, the artists came across the recently published editions of YsaÏe's final versions of his Two String Trios for violin, viola and cello, Op. 33 and Op. 34 – as revised and finalized by the composer. These magnificent works reflect the undiminished power of the immortal legacy of Eugène YsaÏe as a genius musician whose extraordinary achievements as a superstar performer, teacher, ensemble leader, orchestra conductor and composer spread beyond his time. This album brings superb interpretations of stunningly beautiful compositions, as a glorious tribute to one of the most brightly shining stars that ever graced the world of virtuoso artists – the incomparable Eugène YsaÏe.

TRACK LISTING:

1. **Eugène YsaÏe: Introduction for Solo Viola** 3:10 *World Premiere Recording*
 Ronald Carbone (viola)
- Eugène YsaÏe: Sonata for Solo Cello, Op. 28**
 Samuel Magill (cello)
2. I. Grave 4:53
3. II. Intermezzo 4:17
4. III. In modo di recitativo 2:02
5. IV. Finale con brio 3:59
6. **Eugène YsaÏe: Sonata for Solo Violin in d minor, Op. 27, No. 3, "Ballade"** 6:50
 Elmira Darvarova (violin)
7. **Eugène YsaÏe: String Trio No. 1, Op. 33, a.k.a. "Le Chimay"** 20:50
World Premiere Recording of YsaÏe's final version
 Elmira Darvarova (violin), Ronald Carbone (viola), Samuel Magill (cello)
8. **Eugène YsaÏe: String Trio No. 2, Op. 34** 17:44
World Premiere Recording of YsaÏe's final version
 Elmira Darvarova (violin), Ronald Carbone (viola), Samuel Magill (cello)

Total Duration of Disc: 63:49