

# New classical discs feature Vassily Primakov, Cypress String Quartet, Marc Minkowski, and The Knights

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## Beethoven: Late Quartets, Vol. 2 Cypress String Quartet Cypress Performing Arts Association



In the forest of Beethoven recordings, the Cypress String Quartet's are some of the mightiest trees. Compounding the success of its first installment of late-Beethoven quartets, the San Francisco-based ensemble here considers the great B-Flat Major, Op. 130, offering special insight by including both the original "Grosse Fuge" and the later, alternate finale. The performances are masterly: technically assured and lucidly conversational. After this, one can hardly wait for the third and final release. Grade: A -- *Zachary Lewis*