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S. Prokofiev

5 Melodias op. 35bis for violin and piano (1920)

C. Saint-Saëns

Sonata for violin and piano n° 1 in D minore p. 75 (1885)

Ia. Allegro agitato (attacca)

Ib. Adagio

IIa. Allegretto moderato (attacca)

IIb. Allegro molto



C. Franck

Sonata for violin and piano in A (1886)

I. Allegretto ben moderato

II. Allegro

III. Ben moderato: Recitative-Fantasia

IV. Allegretto poco mosso

TheStrad Magazine

It is fascinating to hear a violinist so different in temperament and sound from Kreisler himself in these delectable microcosms. Whereas the Master tended towards cantabile warmth and radiant opulence, Portuguese virtuoso Carlos Damas is closer to the modern sensibilities and sound world of Thomas Zehetmair and Gidon Kremer. Rather than offering lashings of golden sound in the Perlman mould, Damas, with lightning technical reflexes and tonal flexibility, takes nothing for granted as he traverses well-worn musical territory as if he was discovering its special qualities for the very first time. His tendency to avoid too much vibrato and set harmonic resonances ringing possesses a Szeryng-like finesse, yet there is an element of fantasy about his playing that imbues each piece with its own special sense of identity. Fine accompaniments from Anna Tomasik and excellent engineering round out one of the finest Kreisler recitals around.

JULIAN HAYLOCK

BBC Music Magazine

«There's something wonderfully unshowy about Medvedev's performance here, despite the glittering quality of such works as Tchaikovsky's Grand Sonata in G major. Other pianists might be tempted to showboat, but this is a pianist with poise and precision.»

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