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(1890-1959)

Sonatas for Cello and Piano

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Tilmann Wick, Cello
Pascal Devoyon, Piano

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Tilmann Wick is prize winner of international competitions and a Professor at the Academy of Music and Theatre in Hanover. He performs regularly at home and abroad and follows numerous invitations as an instructor to international master classes in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia.

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