



Press Info:

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

- **Symphony No. 4, Op. 60**
- **Symphony No. 5, Op. 67**

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra
conducted by **Rafael Kubelik**

"My first encounter with Beethoven goes way back. Already as a child I wanted my parents to give me the scores of the Beethoven symphonies...I could read music before learning to write and do arithmetic. I read the scores in bed and under my desk at school... These first impressions were colossal - they were indelible and have remained with me ever since."
(Rafael Kubelik)

audite continues its series with Rafael Kubelik and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, a series which has won several prizes. Two symphonies of Ludwig van Beethoven are being released as live recordings for the first time.

Beethoven's Fourth has always been somewhat overshadowed by the revolutionary Eroica and the weighty, fateful Fifth; it has never been as frequently programmed as have these others. Unjustly so, for Rafael Kubelik's interpretation reveals the Fourth to be an enormously multi-layered composition. This impression already begins with the first movement's extremely tense, exciting introduction. It is able to develop its key effect for the work by persisting consequently in the slow Adagio and remaining "sempre pianissimo" except for a few outbursts. It becomes clear, when comparing the work to the Fifth, that both symphonies are "typical" Beethoven in different ways, with enormous expressive depth and complex formal structure. In both works, each thematic development and harmonic progression is of significance in the overall dramaturgy.

Kubelik and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra make the most of the composed contrasts and extremes in each of these works. In live recordings made in the years 1979 (Fourth) and 1969 (Fifth), they convince the listener once more with their customary perfection and thrilling musical vitality.

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