

**Born in 1810: Early Piano Works
by Chopin, Schumann,
Burgmüller and
Schuncke**



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Early piano works by Chopin, Schumann and the lesser-known Ludwig Schuncke and Norbert Burgmüller – who were not only all born in 1810, but also influenced each other artistically. This programme reveals the impressive maturity and great virtuosity of their early works, illustrated by the composers' youth.



1810 saw the births not only of Frédéric Chopin and Robert Schumann, but also of Norbert Burgmüller and Ludwig Schuncke. All four composers knew and valued each other as artists and as friends. While in later life Schumann and Chopin would go on to achieve world fame with their works, Norbert Burgmüller and Ludwig Schuncke died young, leaving behind only a small body of works hardly known today.

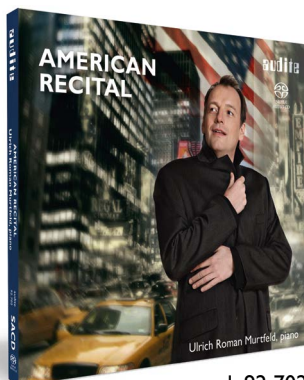
This recording brings together early works by Chopin and Schumann with selected virtuosic pieces by Burgmüller and Schuncke. All the works represent an energetic expression of these four geniuses, still youthful and seeking orientation, yet already manifestly inspired due to their precociousness.

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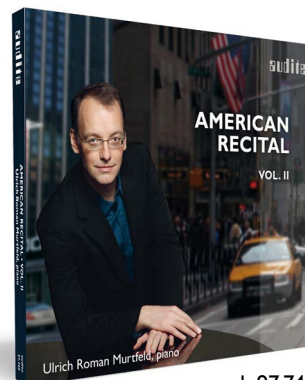
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