



David Pohle: Liebesgesänge

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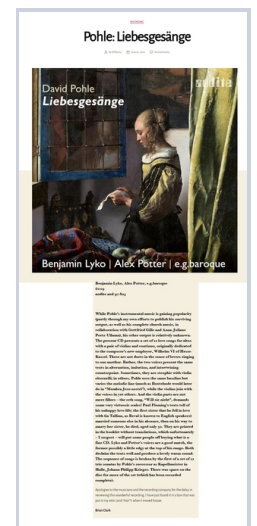


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REVIEW

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RECORDING

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Apologies to the musicians and the recording company for the delay in reviewing this wonderful recording; I have just found it in a box that was put in my attic (and "lost") when I moved house.

Brian Clark