

Press reviews | February 2024

*Their blatant complicity and synergistic brilliance place them among the elite of the best ensembles for their size. Their interpretations, already evident in their previous recordings (sumptuous Schubert and Dvořak), are becoming even more relevant, giving their recordings a place of the first rank.*

**Res Musica** | CD Ravel, Schostakowitsch | Jean-Luc Caron | 27.November 2023

*The Busch Trio as the depth of musicianship to encompass the very different emotions of these great 20<sup>th</sup>-century chamber works. In the Ravel, I was utterly mesmerized by the sheer beauty of sound that the performers conjure up in the opening movement. The music's dreamlike quality comes across particularly vividly, without any indulgence. But once again, the Busches focus on holding back for as long as possible, so that when the climax is eventually reached – with the forceful restatement of the Trio's opening material – the impact is absolutely overwhelming.*

**BBC Music Magazine** | CD Ravel and Shostakovitch Piano trios | Erik Levi | November 30, 2023

*All four movements of the Ravel reveal distinction of one kind or other. The opening is hauntingly suspended in a realm of dreamlike evocation. The second movement takes wing as it should, being feather-light and forceful by turns, and the slow movement also strikes a fine balance between chasteness and sensuality. When Ravel pushes the medium to the limit in the finale's ecstatic concluding pages, all three artists rise to the occasion.*

**Gramophone** | CD Ravel and Shostakovisch Piano trios | David Fanning | 11/23

*With a piano trio on the concert platform, there is always the danger that the mighty concert grand piano will take centre stage and the violinist and cellist will have to play and bow with their last ounce of strength as if for their lives so that they can at least hold their own to some extent next to the concert grand piano. The fact that the Busch Trio escapes this danger is due above all to its excellent pianist, Omri Epstein, and his unrivalled technical and musical presence.*

**Süddeutsche Zeitung** | Dachau | Adolf Karl Gottwald | April 24, 2023

*When it's played with the affection that the Busch lavish upon it, it's irresistible. A true delight from start to finish.*

**Gramophone** | CD Schubert Piano Trio No 1 | David Thresher | April 2023

*What a perfect little distillation of the qualities of the Busch Trio. In short, they play with affection and style, to put the music, and only the music, first'.*

**Gramophone** | CD Schubert | Richard Bratby | December 2020

**Press reviews** | February 2024

*Their vision also impresses with its grandiose moments: tender and vibrant when dreaming, the three accomplices open the windows wide in the more effusive sections. And with what nobility!*

**Diapason** | CD Schubert | Nicolas Dermay | December 2020

*Adolf Busch would certainly be proud to have lent them his name.*

**Crescendo Magazine** | Pierre Carrive | December 2020

*Expressive and well-balanced playing relishes Schubert's optimistic side.*

**The Strad** | Julian Haylock | November 2020

*This interpretation by the London Busch Trio has quite a grave character. The sallow light in which the first movement is bathed evolves to a flame which, sometimes glowing, sometimes flickering, is equally fascinating. With their clear structure, their lively tempi and overflowing contrasts the musicians create a fascinating composition. With character, precision, style and great joy of playing: this interpretation is a revelation!*

**Bachtrack** | Flagey Piano Days Brussels | Valentin Gautron | February 17, 2020

*...even after the modest passage of four years the youthful Busch Trio can boast one of the most notable features of their namesake: a pooled decision to put the music, and only the music, first. Viewed overall these are very fine performances, the two string players perfectly matched, with articulate piano playing that never exceeds the limits of propriety.*

**Gramophone** | CD Dvořák Vol. II | Rob Cowan | 02/18

*Watching and hearing the Busch Trio perform together, this deep connection is certainly palpable in their music-making. Their combined sound is rich and beautifully blended, while their interpretations display an almost telepathic degree of unity, allowing for total flexibility and spontaneity.*

**International Piano** | MuziekHaven | Owen Mortimer | December 2019

*The players make much of the bold rhetorical outbursts and emotional intensity of the first movement. In the Andante they bring out many moods, of serenity, anxiety and mystery. It is possible in this performance to hear signs of the awakening opera composer. There is some heated playing in the generally high-spirited finale. The recorded sound is warm and well balanced throughout.*

**The Strad** | CD Dvořák Vol. II | Tim Homfray | October 2018