

RACHMANINOFF;

SHOSTAKOVICH:Cello Sonatas

Audun Sandvik; Sveinung Bjelland, p

LAWO 1131—67 minutes

This production is presented by two Norwegian-born musicians to celebrate the music of their neighbor, Russia. These are two of the greatest cello pieces, and they are played here with polish and passion.

There have been a number of recordings over the years that combined these two works.

One of my recent favorites is by Matt Haimovitz and Christopher O'Riley (Pentatone 5186 608 [2CD], J/F 2018, p 187). That is a major program played by major musicians containing also the Prokofieff sonata and other short pieces. If that doesn't turn you on, this one is fine and will cost less money.

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