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Erich Wolfgang Korngold - Concerto, Op.35 in D 1. *Moderato nobile* 7:55 2. *Romance* 07:13
3. *Finale; Allegro assai vivace* 06:43

Miklós Rózsa - Concerto, Op.24

4. *Allegro non troppo ma passionato (rec.1956)* 11:24 5. *Lento cantabile* 07:38 6. *Allegro vivace* 07:56

Miklós Rózsa - Sinfonia concertante, Op.29

7. *Tema con variazioni - Theme (rec.1963)* 01:20 8. *Tema con variazioni - Variation I* 01:07
9. *Tema con variazioni - Variation II* 01:14 10. *Tema con variazioni - Variation III* 00:49 11.
Tema con variazioni - Variation IV 02:14 12. *Tema con variazioni - Variation V* 01:13 13.
Tema con variazioni - Variation VI 01:29 14. *Tema con variazioni - Variation VII* 01:42 15.
Franz Waxman - "Carmen" Fantasy (rec.1946) 09:30

Jascha Heifetz – violin Gregor Piatigorsky – cello (7-14) Los Angeles Philharmonic Alfred
Wallenstein – conductor (1-3) Dallas Symphony Orchestra Walter Hendl – conductor (4-6)
RCA Victor Orchestra Donald Voorhees – conductor (15)

The Rózsa violin concerto is one of my favorite pieces and this is, beyond all doubt, the best recorded performance of this far-too-neglected work. I do have one quibble with Maestro Heifetz's performance: he rushes the central theme of the middle movement a bit; I would love to have heard him "sing" it a bit more, at a slightly slower tempo -- a bit more tenderness and longing -- because it is such a moving melody.

The other pieces on this disc are also wonderful, especially the Korngold. I respectfully disagree with the earlier reviewer about the Korngold being too cliché and corny, but as the old Romans said, "De gustibus non disputandum est."

If you are a Heifetz fan, or these three great masters of film music, you can't go wrong with this

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