

## NEW RELEASE INFORMATION FOR PRESS/MEDIA



Artist(s):	Wihan Quartet
Composer:	Franz Schubert
Repertoire:	String Quartets No 13 in A minor "Rosamunde" No.14 in D minor "Death & the Maiden"
Catalogue No:	NI6189 [0710357618925]
Discs:	CD1 Standard Case
UK PPD (Trade Price):	£8.70
UK Release Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2012

Both of these quartets (D804 and D810) were composed in 1824 and evidence shows that Schubert was very aware of his poor state of health – which eventually brought about his demise just four years later – and a sense of reflection is apparent in both pieces. These works are now considered to be cornerstones of the quartet repertoire, and add to the impressive body of recordings built up by the Wihan Quartet. Their discs of Beethoven and Dvorak have all been enthusiastically received by critics all over the world.

### Artist Information

LEOŠ CEPICKÝ & JAN SCHULMEISTER – *violins* JIRÍ ŽIGMUND - *viola* • ALEŠ KASPRÍK - *cello*

The Wihan Quartet, formed in 1985, are heirs to the great Czech musical tradition. The Quartet's outstanding reputation for the interpretation of its native Czech heritage and of the many classical, romantic and modern masterpieces of the string quartet repertoire is widely acknowledged. They have developed an impressive international career, which includes visits to major festivals in Europe and the Far East. They visit the United States and Japan regularly and have had highly acclaimed tours of Australia and New Zealand. They are frequent visitors to the UK and can often be heard on BBC Radio 3 as well as in concert at many venues throughout the country.

The Wihan are Quartet in Residence at Trinity College of Music, London, and for several years have taught many of the UK's gifted young Quartets at Pro Corda in Suffolk. The Quartet are great supporters of the work of the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust, giving inspirational concerts and master classes to young people in many parts of the country.

Further information can be found at [www.wihanquartet.co.uk](http://www.wihanquartet.co.uk)

For more details, and to request a review sample and/or an interview request, please contact John Cronin at Music & Media Consulting Limited.