

MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN

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If you plan to buy a Liszt piano CD during the composer's bicentenary, make straight for the this tumultuous recital.

Hamelin is a master of the rhetorical flourish – amply displayed in the Fantasy and Fugue, the musical equivalent of a show horse raising itself

on its hind legs. He gives us filigree tenderness too and, in *Venezia e Napoli*, picturesque atmospherics.

Finally, there is the epic Piano Sonata, with composer and pianist united in passion, structural control and visionary spirit. - **Geoff Brown**



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