LUDWID WILHELM MAURER (b. Potsdam Feb. 2, 1789; d. St. Petersburg Oct. 25, 1878) was a virtuoso violinist, whose chief claim to fame was his position as Konzertmeister to the Russian Czar, Frederick the Great. He was highly regarded in his time, as several European concert tours and positions in Hanover and Dresden, in addition to his Russian successes, would indicate. His compositions include four operas, of which only the overtures were published, a *Symphonie Concertante* for 4 violins and orchestra, 7 Violin Concertos, a double concerto, 2 Concertinos, and two collections of string quartets, as well as a most unusual collection of 12 pieces for Brass Quintet, being made available in this edition.

To find Brass Chamber Music in the 19th Century is quite a rarity, made all the more exceptional here in that these pieces are the only known brass works of a forgotten composer of string music. These pieces are in a late classical style and were originally written for 2 Bb Cornets, 2 Horns in Eb, and Trombone. This edition is for performance in the original scoring (except that the Eb Horn parts have been transposed to F for convenience) or by the standard brass quintet (2 Bb Trumpets, Horn in F, Trombone, and Tuba).

This music should be executed in the style of classical string chamber music performance in regard to the dynamic range and the manner of articulation. *Piano* must be played lightly and with delicacy; *forte* must sound full and rich, but never heavy or brassy. The articulation must be subtle and refined. Approximate duration: 5 min.

Robert Nagel - Editor

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