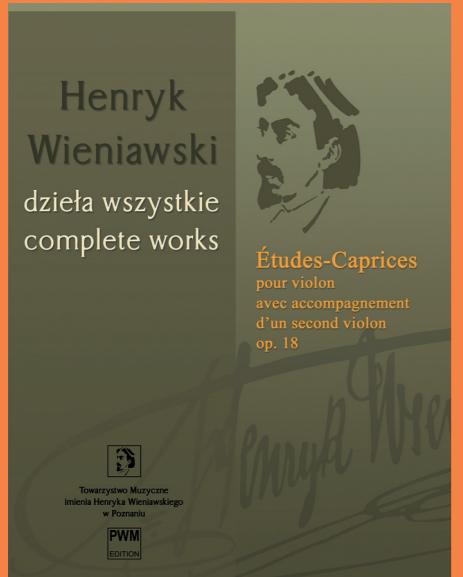


Fantaisie orientale pour violon avec accompagnement de piano op. 24,

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The *Fantaisie orientale* op. 24 is one of the two works with opus number published after the death of Henryk Wieniawski. This piece was written in 1876 in Brussels, and it is a short, cohesive work in one movement, with a rhapsodic form and improvisational character. Wieniawski's *Fantaisie orientale* is a virtuosic work for the salon. The level of technical demands placed on the violinist is high, but we do not have here such refined techniques as in his études and concertos.

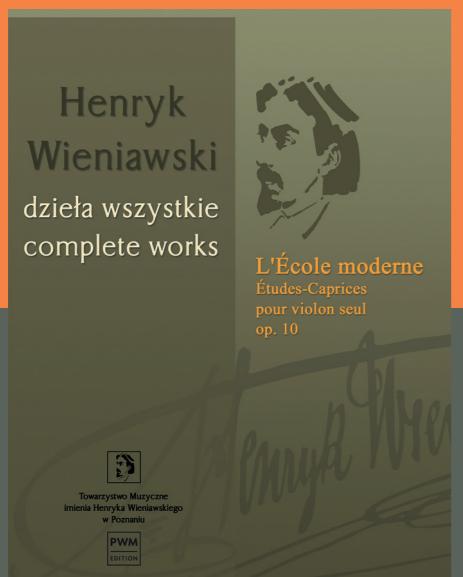


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The Op. 18 *Études-Caprices* for violin accompanied by second violin were written in St Petersburg before 1863, as didactic material. Henryk Wieniawski taught violin in the city for twelve years, initially as court soloist to the Tsar and subsequently (from 1862) at the St Petersburg Conservatory. In character, the Op. 18 *Études* lie somewhere between purely didactic compositions and concert works. Whilst the chief purpose of this collection is the improvement of violin technique, its artistic qualities are indisputable. They are written in such a way that they may be played without the second violin part.



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Wieniawski gave the studies Op. 10, as well as Op. 18, the title *Études-Caprices*. On the one hand, this suggests that the pieces were intended as exercises in violin technique; on the other hand, it brings to mind Paganini's collection of *Caprices*, in which the didactic character of the pieces takes an artistic form. As a result, the *Caprices* Op. 10, similarly to the Paganini set, can also be performed in concert. Thus, Wieniawski clearly had two aims in mind: that the violinist attains the highest level of technical mastery, but also that the compositions be performable as virtuoso concert pieces.

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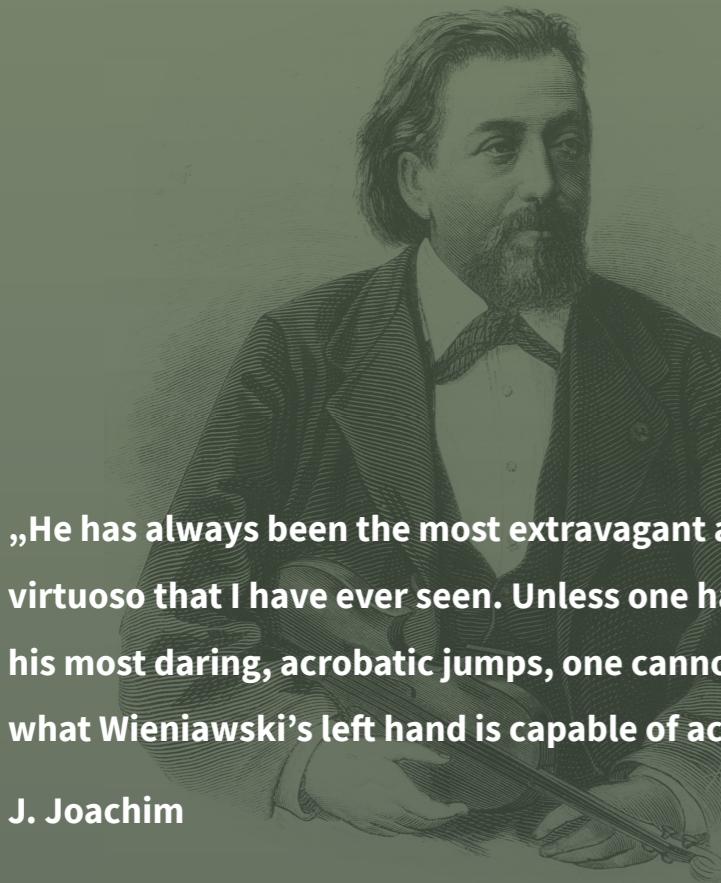
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HENRYK WIENIAWSKI (1835–1880)
outstanding violinist, composer and teacher

As was characteristic of many nineteenth-century composers, Henryk Wieniawski's career as a composer was intertwined with his career as a performing artist. He achieved success in both domains, but was perceived above all as a virtuoso violinist: firstly as a Wunderkind, and later as a fascinating soloist and chamber musician appearing in many parts of Europe and North America, ranked among the greatest of his times.

Due to historical circumstances, his compositional legacy has become dispersed, and is often less than freely accessible. It is only partially familiar to us today, and often through editions that are substandard when compared to modern-day ideals. Not only is it fitting that the Wieniawski legacy be safeguarded by the composer's native culture, this culture has a duty to tend to this legacy.

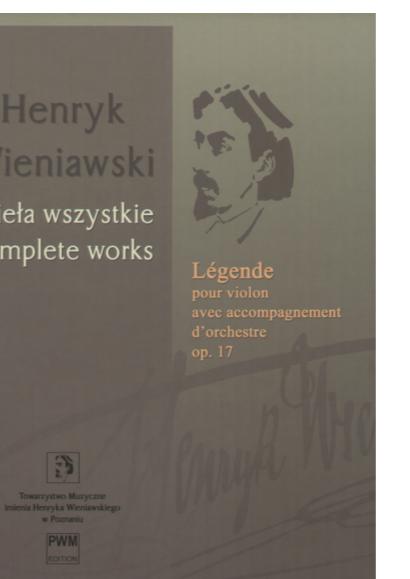
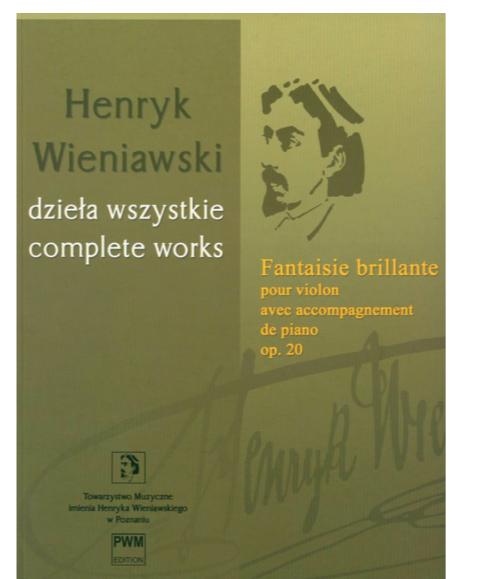
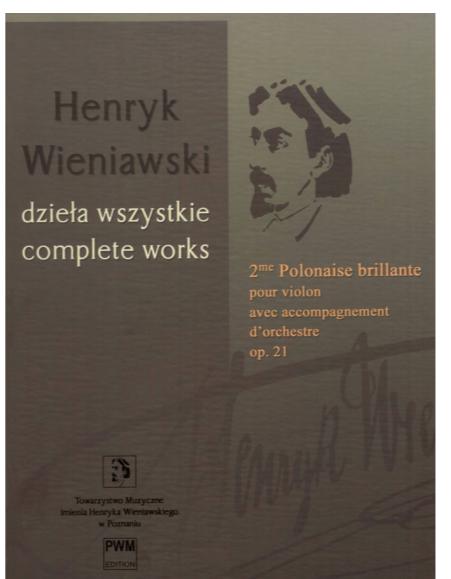
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