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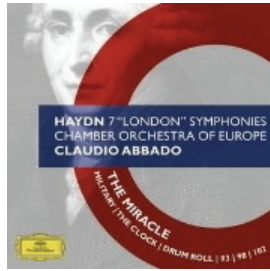
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The July 2009 Choice CD Blog
by Bill O'Connell

[Haydn: Seven London Symphonies—Chamber Orchestra of Europe/Claudio Abbado \(DeutGram 4778117\)](#)

In the late 1980s Claudio Abbado began recording Haydn's "London" Symphonies (Nos. 93-104). Though the cycle was left unfinished, this box set includes the seven symphonies that were recorded. Also included are the Overture to *Il Mondo della Luna* and the popular Sinfonia Concertante in B-flat. *Fanfare* called the recordings in the set "...a paradigm of modern-instrument Haydn fully attuned to the 18th-century spirit as well as to the composer's wit and mastery of the orchestra." It's a steal this month at ArkivMusic.com: four discs for only \$22.99.



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[Fête Française—Ensemble Vivant \(Opening Day 9379\)](#)

David Olds writes on the grigorian.com website: "Of particular note for me is the Debussy Piano Trio in G, an early work which was suppressed by the composer and only came to light in 1980. The CD includes two other rarities, a charming collection of Alsatian folk melodies...by Charles-Marie Widor, and a Septet by Camille Saint-Saëns. This latter is a backward-looking work which had it been composed 50 years later—in 1930 instead of 1880—would have been called neo-classical, or more accurately neo-baroque...Congratulations to Ensemble Vivant for uncovering these works and presenting them with their usual flare."



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