Saverio Mercadante - Klarinettenkonzerte & Concertante (2004)

Concerto for clarinet & orchestra in B flat major, Op 101 *1 Allegro maestoso 9:04 2 Adagio 1:54 3 Andante con variazioni 10:15*
Clarinet Concerto in E flat major, Op. 76
4 Maestoso 10:08 5 Largo 3:48 6 Polacca brillante 5:02 7 Concertino for clarinet & orchestra in C minor, ohne Op. 9:50 8 Sinfonia concertante no. 3 in F major for flute, 2 clarinets, horn & strings 13:19
Dieter Klöcker – clarinet Václav Kunt – flute Giuseppe Porgo – clarinet Jan Schroeder – horn Prague Chamber Orchestra Milan Jajcik - Concert Master, Orchestra Leader

Mercadante may not have been as famous and well-known as some of his contemporaries (Hummel, Beethoven, Mozart, Rossini, Verdi, Donizetti, etc.), but his music was (and still is) every bit as entertaining, lighthearted and melodic as their's. Indeed, much of his musical style and structure can be seen in the works of the likes as Rossini, Donizetti and Verdi, both in their compositional and orchestral adaptations. As a matter of fact, it was on one such visit to Naples that Rossini went to hear one of the young composer's work and remarked to the director of the Conservatory, "... your young pupil, Mercadante, begins where we finish."

Listening to his music, be them for violin, flute, clarinet (etc.), you will be happily taken by some of its echos from the likes as Mozart and Hummel, and every bit as rambunctious as the energized Beethoven. They are lively and very pleasant to listen to. Even his Largo is gently soothing; not dragging.

You will not be bored!! If you were not a fan of his before, after listening to these concertos, you will become one. They are simply beautiful and captivating. Enjoy!! ---doer, amazom.com

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