Cadenza for Beethoven's Duet

"mit zwei obligaten Augengläsern"



by Bernard Zaslav

As a viola student of Lillian Fuchs at Yale Summer School of Music in 1957, cellist Joel Krosnick, a student of Luigi Silva, and I were scheduled to perform the Eyeglasses Obbligato duet at a student concert. As we rehearsed the piece together, I (secretly) came up with this slight nosegay of a cadenza, derived solely from Beethoven's own themes. Upon hearing it for the first time at the concert, Ms. Fuchs was shocked at my audacity, but not amused.

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