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Heinrich Marschner, the leading German composer of Romantic opera between Weber and Wagner, was a progressive innovator, bringing to his music a new dimension – the supernatural anti-hero enmeshed in horror, such as the protagonist of *Der Vampyr* (1828). Before his psychological operas, however, Marschner composed a series of overtures and stage works exploring more conventional material. These have long been overlooked. In this first volume *Schön Ella* represents Marschner's mastery of form, skilful orchestration and melodic gifts, while the excerpts from *Ali Baba* reveal his flair for theatrical concision and mood setting.

Heinrich August  
**MARSCHNER**  
(1795–1861)

## Overtures and Stage Music • 1

- 1 **Der Kyffhäuser Berg**  
(‘The Kyffhäuser Hill’) –  
Overture (1816)\*
- 2 **Overture**
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- 4 **Act II: Ballet**
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- 7 **Act IV: Marsch der Krieger**  
und Mädchen (‘March of  
the Warriors and Maidens’)
- 8 **Act V: Entr’acte**

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| 1     | <b>Ali Baba, oder Die vierzig Räuber</b><br>(‘Ali Baba, or The Forty Thieves’)<br>(1823) (excerpts)* | <b>20:05</b> |
| 8:40  | 9 Overture   | 7:23         |
| 25:55 | 10 Act II: Melodrama   | 1:42         |
| 6:21  | 11 Act II: Schluss (‘Ending’)  | 2:09         |
| 2:32  | 12 Act III: Ballet   | 6:16         |
| 12:04 | 13 Act III: Schluss (‘Ending’)   | 1:30         |
| 1:29  | 14 <b>Der Holzdieb</b> (‘The Wood Thief’)  |              |
| 3:23  | – Overture (1823)  | <b>4:40</b>  |
| 2:40  | 15 <b>Die Wiener in Berlin</b><br>(‘The Viennese in Berlin’)   |              |
| 4:08  | – Overture (1825)*   | <b>6:11</b>  |

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