



Pauline Viardot, daughter of the famous tenor, composer, operatic impresario and teacher, Manuel Garcia, and friend of Schumann and Chopin, was a mezzo-soprano and composer. Her *Violin Sonatina in A minor* reflects her operatic background with its long melodic lines. Her son Paul, the dedicatee of Fauré's great *A minor Sonata*, wrote three beautifully crafted, expressively rich violin sonatas over an almost fifty-year period.

Paul  
**VIARDOT**  
 (1857–1941)

Pauline Viardot:  
**Violin Sonatina in A minor**  
 (to Hubert Léonard) (1874) **11:09**

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| 1 | I. Adagio           | 4:42 |
| 2 | II. Allegro         | 2:26 |
| 3 | III. Allegro finale | 4:01 |

Paul Viardot:  
**Violin Sonata No. 1 in G major,**  
**Op. 5 (1883) 16:48**

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| 4 | I. Allegro                 | 6:10 |
| 5 | II. Andante                | 5:38 |
| 6 | III. Finale: Allegro assai | 5:00 |

Pauline  
**VIARDOT**  
 (1821–1910)

**Violin Sonata No. 2 in B flat major**  
 (to Henri Marteau) (1902) **19:19**

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| 7 | I. Moderato                                       | 6:27 |
| 8 | II. Andante, sostenuto                            | 7:10 |
| 9 | III. Finale: Allegro moderato<br>ma molto agitato | 5:42 |

**Violin Sonata No. 3 in A minor**  
 (1931) **21:18**

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| 10 | I. Allegro molto moderato                                       | 7:11 |
| 11 | II. Andante (Recueillement),<br>Andante molto legato e semplice | 5:06 |
| 12 | III. Scherzo (La Méchante Boiteuse)                             | 2:55 |
| 13 | IV. Finale (Tristesse, Colère,<br>Résignation)                  | 6:06 |

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

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