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BARTÓK: Concerto for 2 Pianos, Percussion & Orchestra, Victor Babin: Concerto for 2 Pianos & Orchestra Piano Duo Genova & Dimitrov, Dobri Paliev, Plamen Todorov, Bulgarian National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Yordan Kamdzhaliyov/ CPO 555001-2 An earlier performance of Bartok's transcription of his Sonata for Two pianos and Percussion by Simon Rattle had more point and precision, but this is a powerful and persuasive reading, making for an attractive disc. Particularly, in fact, when coupled with the winning Babin Concerto which will be unfamiliar to most listeners The Hungarian composer, pianist, folk music researcher, editor, and teacher Béla Bartók moved the piano or pianos closer to the percussion family.