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MAXWELL DAVIES: Naxos Quartets Nos. 3 and 4

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Peter Maxwell Davies is universally acknowledged as one of the foremost composers of our time, and is currently Master of the Queen's Music. Plainchant, musical tradition and the haunting landscape of his adopted Orkney Islands all serve as inspiration to Maxwell Davies' extraordinary and fecund imagination. This, the second release in a series of ten quartets commissioned by Naxos, features two contrasting works: *Naxos Quartet No. 3*, a spontaneous reaction to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, and *Quartet No. 4*, inspired by Brueghel's famous painting of children's games.

**PETER MAXWELL DAVIES**  
(b. 1934)

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**Naxos Quartet No. 3**

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| <b>1</b> I. March                           | 7:58  |
| <b>2</b> II. In Nomine                      | 11:42 |
| <b>3</b> III. Four Inventions<br>and a Hymn | 6:19  |
| <b>4</b> IV. Fugue                          | 5:05  |

**Naxos Quartet No. 4:**

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| <b>5</b> I. Moderato | 25:05 |
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**Maggini Quartet**

**Laurence Jackson, Violin 1 • David Angel, Violin 2**  
**Martin Outram, Viola • Michal Kaznowski, Cello**

Recorded from 28th to 30th September 2004, at Potton Hall, Suffolk, England  
Producer: Andrew Walton (K&A Productions Ltd.) • Sound Engineer: Eleanor Thomason  
Post-Production: Andrew Walton • Publishers: Chester Music Ltd. • Booklet Notes: Peter Maxwell Davies  
This recording was made in the presence of the composer and was recorded and edited at 24bit resolution  
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