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RAWSTHORNE: String Quartets

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Alan Rawsthorne's three published String Quartets mark the progression of style and language at salient points during his compositional career. *String Quartet No. 1* is an early example of Rawsthorne's partiality for variation form. *String Quartet No. 2* is more succinct and precise in expression and form, while the many-layered *String Quartet No. 3*, an austere work of unremitting intensity, is characteristic of the final period of Rawsthorne's creative output.

Alan RAWSTHORNE

(1905-1971)

String Quartets • Theme and Variations for Two Violins

Theme and Variations for Two Violins (1937) 15:29		14 Variation 3: Allegro	1:15
1 Theme (Allegro)	0:46	15 Variation 4: Adagio, poco misterioso	2:38
2 Variation 1: Capriccietto	0:48	16 Variation 5: Allegro preciso	1:06
3 Variation 2: Siciliano	2:04	17 Variation 6: Prestissimo	1:38
4 Variation 3: Cancrizzante	0:53	String Quartet No. 2 (1954) 17:37	
5 Variation 4: Rhapsodia	2:34	18 Maestoso e pesante – Allegretto – Allegro agitato	4:10
6 Variation 5: Notturmo	3:16	19 Allegro appassionato sempre molto rubato	4:16
7 Variation 6: Scherzetto	0:39	20 Allegretto	3:29
8 Variation 7: Ostinato	1:10	21 Theme, Three Variations and Coda	5:41
9 Variation 8: Canone	0:30	String Quartet No. 3 (1965) 17:02	
10 Variation 9: Fantasia	2:49	22 Allegro deciso – Allegretto – Allegro deciso –	7:41
String Quartet No. 1 (Theme and Variations) (1939) 10:01		23 Andante (Alla ciaccona)	5:38
11 Theme: Tempo giusto, espressivo e poco agitato	1:00	24 Molto vivace	3:43
12 Variation 1: L'istesso tempo	0:43		
13 Variation 2: Andante appassionato	1:40		

Maggini Quartet

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