

PELLE GUDMUNDSEN-HOLMGREEN

Complete String Quartets, vol. 1

NORDIC STRING QUARTET

Pelle Gudmundsen-Holmgreen (1932–2016) wrote string quartets all his life. Fourteen in all; the first three dating from 1959, the last ones from 2013. Launching its complete cycle of Gudmundsen-Holmgreen's string quartets, the **Nordic String Quartet** here presents the first six quartets: Childlike wonder meets cynical comment, cliché meets originality, the ecstatic is combined with the ascetic – Gudmundsen-Holmgreen's string quartets are full of such clashes. We start at one point and end at a totally different one. Never fusty, often entertaining, always adamant.

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| 1 | String Quartet No. 5, <i>Step by Step</i> (1982–86, rev. 2003) | 18:52 |
| 2 | String Quartet No. 1 (1959) | 8:26 |
| 3 | String Quartet No. 6, <i>Parting</i> (1983) | 12:46 |
| 4 - 8 | String Quartet No. 3, <i>Five Small Studies</i> (1959) | 4:42 |
| 9 | String Quartet No. 4 (1967) | 6:07 |
| 10 - 13 | String Quartet No. 2, <i>Quartetto Facile</i> (1959) | 11:44 |

Total: 62:39

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