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# Benjamin BRITTEN

(1913-1976)

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### Maggini String Quartet

Playing  
Time  
64:35

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<b>Simple Symphony</b>		<b>17:24</b>
1	I Boisterous Bourrée	3:15
2	II Playful Pizzicato	3:14
3	III Sentimental Saraband	7:57
4	IV Frolicsome Finale	2:50
<b>Quartetino (1930)</b>		<b>16:36</b>
5	I Andante	6:22
6	II Poco adagio ma con moto	6:42
7	III Allegro molto vivace	3:32
8	<b>Alla Marcia (1933)</b>	<b>3:18</b>
<b>String Quartet No. 3, Op. 94</b>		<b>26:48</b>
9	I Duets: With moderate movement	5:46
10	II Ostinato: Very fast	3:14
11	III Solo: Very calm	5:42
12	IV Burlesque: Fast – con fuoco	2:20
13	V Recitative and Passacaglia (La serenissima)	9:46

#### The Composer

Benjamin Britten is the best-known British composer of the 20th century, his music being both modern and readily accessible. He wrote music for every genre, from opera to folk-song arrangements, including the popular *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.

#### The Music

Britten composed three numbered string quartets of very differing moods, which are direct descendants of the quartets of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. *Quartet No. 3*, dating from 1975, is of mainly gentle disposition, inspired by the beauty of Venice, and coming at the very end of the composer's life.

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