

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 CD launches a remarkable and possibly unique commission from Naxos for ten *String Quartets*, each to be premièred live and subsequently recorded by the Maggini Quartet.

PETER MAXWELL DAVIES (b. 1934)

Naxos Quartets Nos. 1 and 2

Naxos Quartet No. 1

- 1** I. Adagio - Allegro 13:54
2 II. Largo 13:38
3 III. Allegro molto 2:03

Naxos Quartet No. 2

- 4** I. Lento – Allegro 16:13
5 II. Lento flessibile 6:15
6 III. Allegro 4:45
7 IV. Lento flessibile 15:52

Maggini Quartet

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

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