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# John Alden CARPENTER

(1876-1951)

## Sonata for Violin and Piano (1912)

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|---|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Larghetto      | 26:35 |
| 2 | Allegro        | 6:08  |
| 3 | Largo mistico  | 6:23  |
| 4 | Presto giocoso | 5:22  |
|   |                | 8:35  |

## Quartet for Strings (1927)

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| 5 | Allegro  | 22:34 |
| 6 | Adagio   | 9:01  |
| 7 | Moderato | 6:00  |
|   |          | 7:28  |

## Quintet for Piano and Strings (1937)

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| 8  | Moderato           | 25:27 |
| 9  | Andante            | 10:24 |
| 10 | Allegro non troppo | 7:41  |
|    |                    | 7:18  |

## Paul Posnak, Piano Sergiu Schwartz, Violin Vega Quartet:

Wendy Chen, Violin  
Jessica Wu, Violin  
Yinzi Kong, Viola  
Guang Wang, Cello

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The three works contained on this recording date from different periods in Carpenter's career as a composer. The *Violin Sonata* was completed in 1913. Its mood ranges from the nostalgic to the impassioned, with the lyrical opening recalling the music of another composer, Frederick Delius. The *String Quartet* dates from 1927. At times the work also contains clear references to folk-music. The *Piano Quintet* was composed in 1937 and typifies Carpenter's later music with its broad and highly self-confident writing for all the instruments, especially the piano. The emotional range of the *Quintet* is extensive, with clear moments of humour balancing the more turbulent intense passages.

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