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Released to celebrate the American master Elliott Carter's centenary, this is the first of two discs of the complete String Quartets. Carter himself has written: 'I probably decided to write what was to be the *First Quartet* when I read about a composition prize in Liège, Belgium, because there were many ideas swarming around in my imagination about expression, rhythm, and harmony, mostly derived from my *Cello Sonata* ... Then my *Second, Third, and Fourth Quartets* developed my imaginings in different ways until I began to realize that soon I would exhaust this direction, and so my *Fifth Quartet* became a farewell to the previous four and an exploration of a new vision.'

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Elliott CARTER

(b. 1908)

String Quartet No. 1 (1951)

1	I. Fantasia: Maestoso –	39:21
2	Allegro scorrevole –	9:08
3	II. Allegro scorrevole –	3:28
4	Adagio –	1:19
5	III. Variations	11:58
		13:28

String Quartet No. 5 (1995)

6	1. Introduction –	21:11
7	2. Giocoso –	1:30
8	3. Interlude I –	2:31
9	4. Lento espressivo –	1:05
10	5. Interlude II –	2:12
11	6. Presto scorrevole –	1:22
12	7. Interlude III –	1:07
13	8. Allegro energico –	1:29
14	9. Interlude IV –	1:53
15	10. Adagio sereno –	1:59
16	11. Interlude V –	2:47
17	12. Capriccioso	1:39
		1:38

Pacifica Quartet

Simin Ganatra, Violin I • Sibbi Bernhardsson, Violin II

Masumi Per Rostad, Viola • Brandon Vamos, Cello

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