

Naxos's recording of Ginastera's Complete Music for Cello and Piano (8.570569) was hailed for 'the music's percussive rhythms as well as its reflective and mysterious melodic invention' by *The Strad*. Similarly, each of his highly individual and engaging string quartets abound in kinetic energy, glowingly evocative writing and the ever-present rhythms and sounds of his native Argentinean music. In his expressive *Third String Quartet* a solo soprano, fully integrated into the quartet texture, sings texts by Alberti, Jiménez and Lorca to create an intensely coloured spectrum of words and music.

Alberto
GINASTERA
(1916–1983)

**String Quartet No. 1,
Op. 20**

- 1 Allegro violento ed agitato
- 2 Vivacissimo
- 3 Calmo e poetico
- 4 Allegramente rustico

**String Quartet No. 2,
Op. 26**

- 5 Allegro rustico
- 6 Adagio angoscioso
- 7 Presto magico
- 8 Libero e rapsodico
- 9 Furioso



Ensō Quartet
*** Lucy Shelton, Soprano**

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