

Largely forgotten in the decades after his death, the wide-ranging output of the Czech composer Erwin Schulhoff has come to much greater prominence over the last quarter-century. The music featured here dates from the mid-1920s, a productive period in which he forged a distinctive and highly personal musical style. Both the *First String Quartet* and the *Five Pieces* achieved a notable success at their premières, and all three works are among the most successful and enduring of Schulhoff's compositions.

Erwin  
**SCHULHOFF**  
(1894–1942)

**Music for String Quartet**

**String Quartet No. 1**  
(1924)

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| <b>1</b> | <b>I. Presto con fuoco</b>                                | <b>2:20</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>II. Allegretto con moto e con malinconia grottesca</b> | <b>4:20</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>III. Allegro giocoso alla slovacca</b>                 | <b>3:10</b> |
| <b>4</b> | <b>IV. Andante molto sostenuto</b>                        | <b>7:04</b> |

**Five Pieces (1923)** **13:57**

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| <b>5</b> | <b>No. 1 Alla Valse viennese</b> | <b>2:05</b> |
| <b>6</b> | <b>No. 2 Alla Serenata</b>       | <b>2:53</b> |
| <b>7</b> | <b>No. 3 Alla Czeca</b>          | <b>1:42</b> |
| <b>8</b> | <b>No. 4 Alla Tango Milonga</b>  | <b>4:13</b> |
| <b>9</b> | <b>No. 5 Alla Tarantella</b>     | <b>2:45</b> |

**String Quartet No. 2**  
(1925)

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| <b>10</b> | <b>I. Allegro agitato</b>                                     | <b>3:31</b> |
| <b>11</b> | <b>II. Tema con variazioni: Moderato</b>                      | <b>6:31</b> |
| <b>12</b> | <b>III. Allegro gajo</b>                                      | <b>2:52</b> |
| <b>13</b> | <b>IV. Finale: Andante quasi introduzione – Allegro molto</b> | <b>6:34</b> |

**Aviv Quartet**

**Sergey Ostrovsky, First Violin**  
**Evgenia Epshtein, Second Violin**  
**Shuli Waterman, Viola**  
**Rachel Mercer, Cello**



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