

Described by Saint-Saëns as 'the most remarkable of the young British composers', York Bowen was widely known as a pianist and as a composer, his fame reaching its zenith in the years immediately preceding the First World War. The writer and composer Thomas Dunhill described Bowen's chamber music as 'an essentially healthy and breezy phase in modern art'. This is especially true of the 1922 Carnegie Trust Award-winning *Second Quartet*, and while both quartets are based on clear-cut classical models the *Third* is more elusive and intimate in feeling, revealing the composer's rarely displayed private side. The atmospheric *Phantasy-Quintet* provides a rare opportunity to hear the beauty of the bass clarinet in a truly eloquent and expressive soloist capacity.



York
BOWEN
(1884-1961)

String Quartet No. 2 in D minor, Op. 41 (c.1918)

28:42

1 **I. Allegro assai**

10:38

2 **II. Poco lento**

8:21

3 **III. Finale: Presto**

9:43

String Quartet No. 3 in G major, Op. 46(b) (1919)

27:21

4 **I. Allegro moderato e semplice**

9:35

5 **II. Poco lento e espressivo**

10:31

6 **III. Finale: Allegro assai con spirito**

7:15

7 **Phantasy-Quintet for Bass Clarinet and String Quartet, Op. 93 (1932)***

14:21

**Allegro moderato – Poco più mosso – Poco animato –
Poco sostenuto, e a piacere – Allegro con spirito, ma non troppo –
Allegro moderato – Più sostenuto, tranquillo**

WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDINGS

Timothy Lines, Bass Clarinet*

Archaeus Quartet

Ann Hooley, Violin I • Bridget Davey, Violin II

Elizabeth Turnbull, Viola • Martin Thomas, Cello

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