

The Fine Arts Quartet's albums of Mendelssohn's *String Quintets* (8.570488) and Glazunov's chamber music (8.570256) were named "Recordings of the Year" by *Musicweb International*, and their recording of Schumann's string quartets (8.570151) was hailed by the *American Record Guide* as "one of the very finest chamber music recordings of the year". On this disc the acclaimed Fine Arts Quartet performs Camille Saint-Saëns's two magnificent string quartets. "Saint-Saëns has been unfairly tarnished as being a lightweight composer," notes first violinist Ralph Evans. "Listening to these serious, intellectual, brilliantly crafted yet delightful works will change minds in a hurry."



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**SAINT-SAËNS**  
(1835–1921)

String Quartet No. 1 in E minor, Op. 112 33:50

- 1 I. Allegro 11:50
- 2 II. Molto allegro quasi presto 6:29
- 3 III. Molto adagio 8:45
- 4 IV. Allegro non troppo 6:41

String Quartet No. 2 in G major, Op. 153 28:47

- 5 I. Allegro animato 8:57
- 6 II. Molto adagio – Andantino 10:01
- 7 III. Interlude et finale: Andantino – Allegretto con moto 9:42

Fine Arts Quartet

Ralph Evans and Efim Boico, Violins  
Nicolò Eugelmi, Viola  
Wolfgang Laufer, Cello



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