

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."

Camille
SAINT-SAËNS
(1835–1921)

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| String Quartet No. 1 in E minor, Op. 112 | 33:50 |
| ⑤ 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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