

The Maggini Quartet's Naxos recording of Edmund Rubbra's *String Quartet No. 2* (8.572286) was praised as 'superbly integrated... undeniably a great success' by *Gramophone*. His remaining three string quartets, heard here, mark Rubbra as a great, though still undervalued, English composer whose music boasts an inexhaustible sense of freshness, a richly hued emotional palette and an abiding sense of optimism. The Maggini Quartet's Naxos recordings of English string quartets by composers from Alwyn to Walton have gained numerous awards, critical plaudits and nominations from *Gramophone*, *Diapason* and the Grammys.

Edmund
RUBBRA
(1901–1986)

String Quartet No. 1 in F minor, Op. 35 19:11

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| ① | I. Allegro moderato | 7:13 |
| ② | II. Lento | 8:34 |
| ③ | III. Vivace | 3:24 |

String Quartet No. 3, Op. 112 19:22

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| ④ | I. Largo ma molto flessibile – Allegretto | 9:02 |
| ⑤ | II. Adagio | 6:09 |
| ⑥ | III. Allegro leggiero | 4:11 |

String Quartet No. 4, Op. 150 16:19

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| ⑦ | Andante moderato, ma liberamente – Allegretto scherzando | 8:07 |
| ⑧ | Adagio e con molta espressione | 8:12 |

Maggini Quartet

Gina McCormack, Violin I • David Angel, Violin II
Martin Outram, Viola • Michal Kaznowski, Cello

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