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Praised for his previous choral music albums, British composer and conductor Ronald Corp now makes his Naxos chamber music debut with this disc. His *First String Quartet* takes its name from the world's largest, most stately and regal bird, the bustard, whose soaring flight and dance-like gait are evoked in this fascinating piece. His *Second String Quartet* celebrates a baby boy's birth with joyful and exuberant music. The composer describes his song-cycle *Country Matters* as 'poignant and riotously outrageous'. The Maggini Quartet are renowned for their authoritative interpretations of English chamber music, while tenor Mark Wilde also sings on several other Naxos recordings.

## Ronald CORP

(b. 1951)

### String Quartet No. 1 'The Bustard'

25:09

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| 1 Moderato  | 5:21 |
| 2 Mesto semplice  | 9:32 |
| 3 Scherzo vivo  | 3:14 |
| 4 Moderato assai – Più allegro<br>non troppo – Allegro vivace | 7:02 |

### Country Matters\* 19:49 (Poems by Steve Mainwaring)

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| 5 I Heard They Were<br>Opening The Zoo | 2:27 |
| 6 Bird Song                            | 3:32 |

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| 7 Pleasures Past            | 3:19 |
| 8 Don't Go Into The Kitchen | 1:11 |
| 9 Something Sad             | 2:34 |
| 10 Come Into The Garden     | 2:07 |
| 11 City Of Wells            | 4:39 |

### String Quartet No. 2 28:25

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| 12 Allegro        | 6:40 |
| 13 Scherzo        | 6:05 |
| 14 Moderato mesto | 9:07 |
| 15 Allegro vivo   | 6:33 |

## Mark Wilde, Tenor\* Maggini Quartet

Susanne Stanzeleit, Violin I • David Angel, Violin II  
Martin Outram, Viola • Michal Kaznowski, Cello

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