

Saint-Saëns holds a vital place in the history of French chamber music. At a time when his compatriots were more devoted to opera and song, Saint-Saëns (who wrote both, too) repeatedly produced chamber music of compelling individuality and lasting significance. The 1875 *Piano Quartet in B flat major, Op. 41* remains one of the great works in the chamber repertory, a masterful example of the composer's organisational skill and lyric gifts. The gorgeous *Barcarolle* is followed by the youthful *Piano Quintet in A minor, Op. 14*, a brilliantly confident work with a concerto-like rôle for the piano.

## Camille SAINT-SAËNS

(1835–1921)

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| <b>Piano Quartet in B flat major, Op. 41</b> | <b>31:45</b> |
| 1 Allegretto                                 | 7:41         |
| 2 Andante maestoso ma con moto               | 6:38         |
| 3 Poco allegro più tosto moderato            | 6:45         |
| 4 Allegro                                    | 10:37        |
| 5 <b>Barcarolle in F major, Op. 108</b>      | <b>9:09</b>  |
| <b>Piano Quintet in A minor, Op. 14</b>      | <b>30:08</b> |
| 6 Allegro moderato e maestoso                | 10:23        |
| 7 Andante sostenuto –                        | 6:06         |
| 8 Presto                                     | 5:15         |
| 9 Allegro assai, ma tranquillo               | 8:19         |

### Fine Arts Quartet

Ralph Evans, Violin I 1–4, 6–9 • Efim Boico, Violin II 5–9  
Nicolò Eugelmi, Viola • Robert Cohen, Cello

### Cristina Ortiz, Piano



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