

This recording of Douglas Lilburn's complete string chamber music celebrates the centenary of his birth, and is crowned by a world première recording of the *Phantasy Quartet* which won the Cobbett Prize at the Royal College of Music in 1939. On his return from studies in London to Christchurch in 1940 Lilburn embarked upon a prolific and varied period of creativity. This included the *String Quartet in E minor*, notable for its intense yet supple lyric power, the three *Canzonettas*, quasi-Elizabethan in tone as befits their tie to incidental music he wrote for Ngaio Marsh's productions of Shakespeare's plays in Christchurch, and the Schubert-influenced *String Trio*.

Douglas
LILBURN
(1915–2001)

**String Quartet in E minor
(1946)**

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| 1 | I. Andante | 6:51 |
| 2 | II. Allegretto | 2:34 |
| 3 | III. Allegro | 7:47 |
| Duos for 2 Violins (1954) | | 19:23 |
| 4 | I. Andante con moto | 2:58 |
| 5 | II. Allegro | 2:25 |
| 6 | III. Andante | 2:49 |
| 7 | IV. Allegro | 4:15 |
| 8 | V. Lento | 4:25 |
| 9 | VI. Allegro moderato | 2:31 |

String Trio (1945)

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| 10 | I. Allegro non troppo | 6:32 |
| 11 | II. Allegretto | 4:37 |
| 12 | III. Allegro | 5:26 |

**Canzonettas for Violin and Viola
(1942/1943/1958)**

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| 13 | I. Semplice | 3:16 |
| 14 | II. Andante semplice | 1:06 |
| 15 | III. | 4:24 |

**Phantasy for String Quartet*
(1939)**

16:35

***WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDING**

New Zealand String Quartet

**Helene Pohl, Violin I • Douglas Beilman, Violin II
Gillian Ansell, Viola • Rolf Gjølsten, Cello**

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