

Anton Arensky belonged to the generation between Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov, his early flair leading Tolstoy to state that, "among the new composers he is the best, he is simple and melodious." Lacking a Russian tradition for the genre, Arensky's *Piano Quintet* draws on Brahms and Mendelssohn for its sweeping themes and sparkling wit. The *Second String Quartet* was written in memory of Tchaikovsky and is a tender, elegiac work unusual in its scoring with two cellos. Dedicated to his cellist friend Karl Davidoff, the *First Piano Trio* is also a wonderfully heartfelt and virtuosic masterpiece.

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Anton Stepanovich  
**ARENISKY**  
(1861-1906)

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**Piano Quintet in D major, Op. 51 (1900)****23:50**

- 1 I. Allegro moderato 6:56
- 2 II. Variations: Andante – Tempo di valse – Allegro molto – Tempo I 6:12
- 3 III. Scherzo: Allegro vivace 7:05
- 4 IV. Finale (Fuga): Allegro moderato 3:37

**String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 35 (1894)****28:26**

- 5 I. Moderato 11:00
- 6 II. Theme: Moderato (and Variations) 9:57
- 7 III. Finale: Andante sostenuto – Allegro moderato 7:29

**Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 32 (1894)****27:43**

- 8 I. Allegro moderato 9:33
- 9 II. Scherzo: Allegro molto 5:56
- 10 III. Elegia: Adagio 6:19
- 11 IV. Finale: Allegro non troppo 5:55

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