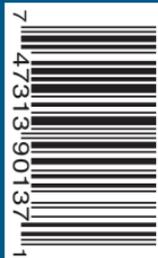


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Time, place and mood are explored in this unusual programme that reveals the inventive curiosity of the Arabella Quartet, lauded by the *Boston Musical Intelligencer* for its “freedom, drive, and risk-taking”. The geographical span is wide, from Spain to Russia, and traditional staples by Schubert sit alongside meditative statements on human themes by Puccini, Turina, Webern and Nielsen. Shostakovich’s *Two Pieces for String Quartet* were rediscovered in the 1980s and broaden the expressive range of this fascinating disc.

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Short Pieces for String Quartet

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| 1 | Joaquin TURINA (1882–1949)
La Oración del Torero, Op. 34 | 7:33 | 7 | Hugo WOLF (1860–1903)
Italian Serenade (1887) | 6:34 |
| 2 | Anton WEBERN (1883–1945)
Langsamer Satz (1905) | 8:35 | 8 | Giacomo PUCCINI (1858–1924)
‘Crisantemi’, Elegy for String Quartet (1890) | 5:28 |
| 3 | Felix MENDELSSOHN (1809–1847)
Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81
I. Tema con variazioni in E major,
Andante – Andante sostenuto | 5:27 | 9 | Felix MENDELSSOHN
Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81
II. Scherzo in A minor, Allegro leggiero | 3:37 |
| 4 | Dmitri SHOSTAKOVICH (1906–1975)
Two Pieces for String Quartet
Elegy: Adagio (from Act I, Scene 3 of
<i>Lady Macbeth of Mtsenk District</i> ,
figs. 140–52, Op. 29) | 6:20 | 10 | Antonin DVOŘÁK (1841–1904)
Waltzes, Op. 54 | 6:31 |
| 5 | Carl NIELSEN (1865–1931)
Ved en ung Kunstners Baare, Op. 58
(At the Bier of a Young Artist) | 4:30 | 11 | Waltz No. 1 | 3:32 |
| | | | 12 | Waltz No. 4 | 2:59 |
| | | | 13 | Franz SCHUBERT (1797–1828)
Quartettsatz in C minor, D.703 | 8:13 |
| | | | | Felix MENDELSSOHN
Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81
III. Capriccio in E minor.
Andante con moto –
Allegro fugato, assai vivace | 5:37 |

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