

As a medium, the Clarinet Quintet has prompted composers such as Mozart and Brahms to create some of the most inspired music of their autumnal years. This legacy has encouraged Linda Merrick to work collaboratively with four British composers celebrated for their writing for wind instruments to create exciting and innovative repertoire for this combination. This recording, which features one of the UK's outstanding young string quartets, represents a major contribution to the literature for Clarinet Quintet.

BRITISH CLARINET QUINTETS

New Works for Clarinet and String Quartet

Edwin ROXBURGH (b.1937)

1 Clarinet Quintet (2007) 10:34

Kit TURNBULL (b.1969)

Three Cautionary Tales (2007)

13:05

2 I. Carbrooke Dancers

5:26

3 II. The Mermaid's Pool

3:39

4 III. The Lantern Man

3:57

Nigel CLARKE (b.1960)

5 Equiano (2007) 18:10

Martin ELLERBY (b.1957)

Epitaph VII: Memento (Terezin) (2008)

22:06

6 I. The Closed Town 2:19

7 II. Arbeit 1:51

8 III. The Silent Hunger 2:15

9 IV. Fear 1:57

10 V. The Butterfly 3:34

11 VI. Tears 2:39

12 VII. The Deportation Train 1:39

13 VIII. Forgotten 1:42

14 IX. To Olga ... 3:52



Linda Merrick, Clarinet
Navarra Quartet

Xander Van Vliet, Marije Ploemacher, Violins
Simone van der Giessen, Viola • Nathaniel Boyd, Cello



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