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Elliott CARTER

(b. 1908)

String Quartet No. 1 (1951)

- 1 I. Fantasia: Maestoso –
- 2 Allegro scorrevole –
- 3 II. Allegro scorrevole –
- 4 Adagio –
- 5 III. Variations

String Quartet No. 5 (1995)

- 6 1. Introduction –
- 7 2. Giocoso –
- 8 3. Interlude I –
- 9 4. Lento espressivo –
- 10 5. Interlude II –
- 11 6. Presto scorrevole –
- 12 7. Interlude III –
- 13 8. Allegro energico –
- 14 9. Interlude IV –
- 15 10. Adagio sereno –
- 16 11. Interlude V –
- 17 12. Capriccioso

Pacifica Quartet

Simin Ganatra, Violin I • Sibbi Bernhardtsson, Violin II
Masumi Per Rostad, Viola • Brandon Vamos, Cello

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