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With its vibrant lightness of touch and warmth of expression, Rodolfo Halffter's music is both approachable and stimulating. Volume 3 of this series (volumes 1 and 2 are available on 8.572418 and 8.572419) brings his complete string quartets, each with its own power and expression, exploratory intellectual curiosity and impish wit. The composer's only *Cello Sonata* inhabits a world of neoclassical refinement with hints of Hispanic rhythm and melodic gesture, and Halffter's Spanish/Mexican idiom is second nature to the Madrid based Bretón Quartet.

## Rodolfo HALFFTER

(1900-1987)



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### Bretón String Quartet\*

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**John Stokes, Cello† • Francisco José Segovia, Piano†**  
**Soloists of the Orquesta de la Comunidad de Madrid**

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