

This is the third and final volume of the string quartets of the important but long-neglected Basque composer Andrés Isasi. Although he was initially influenced by Grieg and Dvořák, Isasi studied under Humperdinck in Berlin, where he acquired a love of Germanic culture, reflected in both the *Quartets* heard on this recording. Much of the thematic material of the *Violin Sonata* has tangible links to Basque melodies and songs though there is also an element of Richard Strauss. The remaining quartets can be heard on Naxos 8.572463 and 8.572464, while Isasi's *Symphony No. 2* and *Suite No. 2* are available on 8.557584.



**Andrés
ISASI**
(1890–1940)



String Quartets • 3

**String Quartet No. 1 in G major,
Op. 11 (1911, rev. 1914) 23:58**

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| 1 | I. Allegro moderatissimo | 7:04 |
| 2 | II. Andante e romántico | 7:28 |
| 3 | III. Intermezzo: Allegretto e mosso | 3:18 |
| 4 | IV. Final: Allegro | 6:08 |

**String Quartet No. 5 in
C minor, Op. 32 (1921) 24:45**

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| 5 | I. Allegro non troppo | 8:10 |
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| 6 | II. Adagio | 6:20 |
| 7 | III. Allegretto vivace | 3:05 |
| 8 | IV. Final: Allegro | 7:10 |

**Violin Sonata in F minor,
Op. 25* (1917) 23:14**

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| 9 | I. Allegro. Un poco recitativo | 11:15 |
| 10 | II. Romance: Adagio | 5:43 |
| 11 | III. Allegro molto | 6:16 |

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Isasi Quartet

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