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JOHANNES BRAHMS

Complete String Quartets

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The string quartets of Brahms demonstrate his perfectionism: he wrote dozens of works in the genre, but rejected all but three, and worked at the first one for twenty long years before publishing it. Even the famous *Piano Quintet op.34* was rewritten several times for various formations before it was published in its final version, whose achievement is today undisputed. These works stepped out of Beethoven's shadow to take a firm place in musical history.

Artists

- Cuarteto Casals
- Claudio Martínez Mehner
Piano

Composers

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JOHANNES BRAHMS [1833-1897]

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- IV. Allegro, alla breve (5'21)

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