

75 years Juilliard String Quartet

Summer 2021

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)	Three pieces for string quartet (1914) <i>or</i>
Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)	String quartet D major Op. 50 No. 6
Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)	String Quartet in F major (1902/03)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)	String Quartet in G major Op. 161 D 887

For its 75th Anniversary Season in 2021-22 the Juilliard String Quartet has imagined a rich feast of programmes. In its decades of international touring and award-winning recordings, the quartet has continued to honor the distinctive mission established by their founding members "to play new works as if they were established masterpieces and established masterpieces as if they were new". In this spirit they offer three beautiful programmes that bring together a treasure trove of favourite masterpieces with major works in whose creation the quartet has played a special part. To begin with the Juilliard String Quartet has been working closely with Elliott Carter over the years. They have given the first performances of his string quartets numbers 2 and 3 as well as recorded all of his quartets. The second programme builds around a commissioned work by Jörg Widmann that reflects on Beethoven's great last quartets. Last but not least the quartet also commissioned Henri Dutilleux for "Ainsi la nuit" for which the composer used to send them studies whilst writing.

Programme I

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)	String Quartet in F major No. 16 Op. 135
Elliott Carter (1908-2012)	String Quartet No. 2 (1959) (premiered by the Juilliard String Quartet)

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)	String Quartet No. 14 in A flat major Op. 105

Programme II

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)	String Quartet in F minor Op. 80 (1847)
Jörg Widmann (*1973)	String Quartet No. 10 (Study on Beethoven V) (commissioned by the Juilliard String Quartet in 2020)

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)	String Quartet in F major (1902/03)

Programme III

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)	Three pieces for string quartet (1914)
Henri Dutilleux (1916-2013)	"Ainsi la nuit" (1974/76) for string quartet (commissioned by the Juilliard String Quartet)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)	String Quartet in G major Op. 161 D 887