

## Juilliard String Quartet

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**Areta Zhulla** | violin  
**Ronald Copes** | violin  
**Molly Carr** | viola  
**Astrid Schween** | violoncello



Continuity through change - the renowned Juilliard String Quartet has been in existence for over 75 years. Since then, it has renewed itself several times; most recently, Molly Carr completed the New York quartet. The breathtaking ensemble sound still captivates every listener.

*The playing was excellent...This Juilliard performance was full of smiles, rhythmically alive and much appreciated by the audience.*

**Classical Source**

*Decisive and uncompromising...Juilliard's confidently thoughtful approach, rhythmic acuity and ensemble precision were on full display.*

**Washington Post**

*The Juilliard String Quartet can plausibly be called the most important American quartet in history... the performances of Webern and Berg were sensational. I have never heard Webern's Five Movements (Op. 5) sound so complete — structurally, emotionally, musically. The Juilliard adroitly captured the bits of Viennese nostalgia hiding in Webern's epigrammatic phrases, and virtually every moment — the slashing energy of the third movement, the desolation of the fourth — was charged with electricity... The performance united X-ray clarity among the parts, technical precision, and sheer passion, an amalgam it is hard to imagine being bettered... Some groups seem to wrestle with their past and legacy; the Juilliard seems completely revitalized. ...It may be just hitting its stride.*

**The Boston Globe**

Award-winning for its countless recordings, the Juilliard String Quartet was the first classical music ensemble to receive the Grammy Award for its complete works, as well as the German Record Critics' Prize for its life's work. The latest recording on the SONY CLASSICAL label includes works by Beethoven, Bartók and Dvořák.

Following the premiere of two new string quartets dedicated to the Juilliard String Quartet by composer Jörg Widmann, the ensemble will also perform these works in the 23/24 season at venues including the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Konzerthaus Berlin, Beethoven-Haus Bonn, Düsseldorf and Amsterdam's Concertgebouw.