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# News

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## **Pacifica Quartet's Shostakovich Cycle Released as Bargain Boxed Set on Cedille Records**

*Critically Acclaimed Series Offers Eight Hours of Music,  
Including Works by Other Major Soviet-Era Composers*

The Pacifica Quartet's internationally acclaimed four-volume, eight-CD survey of Dmitri Shostakovich's string quartets on Cedille Records has been released as a bargain-priced boxed set.

*The Soviet Experience: The Complete String Quartets of Dmitri Shostakovich, plus Quartets by Miaskovsky, Prokofiev, Weinberg & Schnittke* is notable for including quartets by some of the composer's most significant Soviet-era contemporaries (Cedille Records Box 1003).

The suggested retail price of the CD boxed set is \$33.98, half the cost of all four double-CD volumes purchased separately. The boxed set, comprising eight hours of music, was released September 9, with an eye toward the holiday gift season.

In addition to Shostakovich's 15 string quartets, the series includes Nikolai Miaskovsky's String Quartet No. 13 in A minor, Op. 86; Sergei Prokofiev's String Quartet No. 2 in F major, Op. 92; Mieczyslaw Weinberg's String Quartet No. 6 in E minor, Op. 35; and Alfred Schnittke's String Quartet No. 3.

The series, produced and engineered by multiple Grammy Award-winner Judith Sherman, was originally released in installments between September 2011 and November 2013.

*The Soviet Experience* received critical praise from the outset, with *The New York Times* citing the Pacifica Quartet's "electrifying interpretations." At the midway point, *BBC Music Magazine* said the cycle "is already shaping up as definitive." More recently, the UK's *Financial*

*Times* characterized the overall project as “an enthralling series” played with “lucidity, intensity and consistency.” *Stereophile* magazine concluded, “The entire series is a no-brainer . . . Highly recommended.”

### **Cedille Records**

Marking its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall, Grammy award-winning Cedille Records (pronounced say-DEE) has been dedicated to showcasing the most noteworthy classical artists in and from the Chicago area since its debut in November 1989.

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***The Complete String Quartets of Dmitri Shostakovich  
plus Quartets by Miaskovsky, Prokofiev, Weinberg & Schnittke  
(Cedille Records Box 1003)***

Volume I: Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 5 in B-flat major, Op. 92; No. 6 in G major, Op. 101; No. 7 in F-sharp minor, Op. 108; and No. 8 in C minor, Op. 110. Nikolai Miaskovsky: String Quartet No. 13 in A minor, Op. 86

Volume II: Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 1 in C major, Op. 49; No. 2 in A major, Op. 68; No. 4 in D major, Op. 83; and No. 3 in F major, Op. 73. Sergei Prokofiev: String Quartet No. 2 in F major, Op. 92

Volume III: Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 9 in E-flat major, Op. 117; No. 10 in A-flat major, Op. 118; No. 11 in F minor, Op. 122; and No. 12 in D-flat major, Op. 133. Mieczyslaw Weinberg: String Quartet No. 6 in E minor, Op. 35

Volume IV: Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat minor, Op. 138; No. 14 in F-sharp major, Op. 142; and No. 15 in E-flat minor, Op. 144. Alfred Schnittke: String Quartet No. 3

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