



Dmitri Shostakovich: The Complete String Quartets

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The Mandelring Quartet have the key to the door through which you will discover the real Shostakovich. From the inner peace of the First, through the conflict of war in the Third, to the highly-charged Eighth to the pain, anguish and sadness of the Fifteenth, no other recorded cycle passes through such vast mood changes so compellingly. The required harshness is here; there is an occasional glitch, but technically the playing oozes with virtuosity and the sound quality is excellent. Absolutely indispensable.