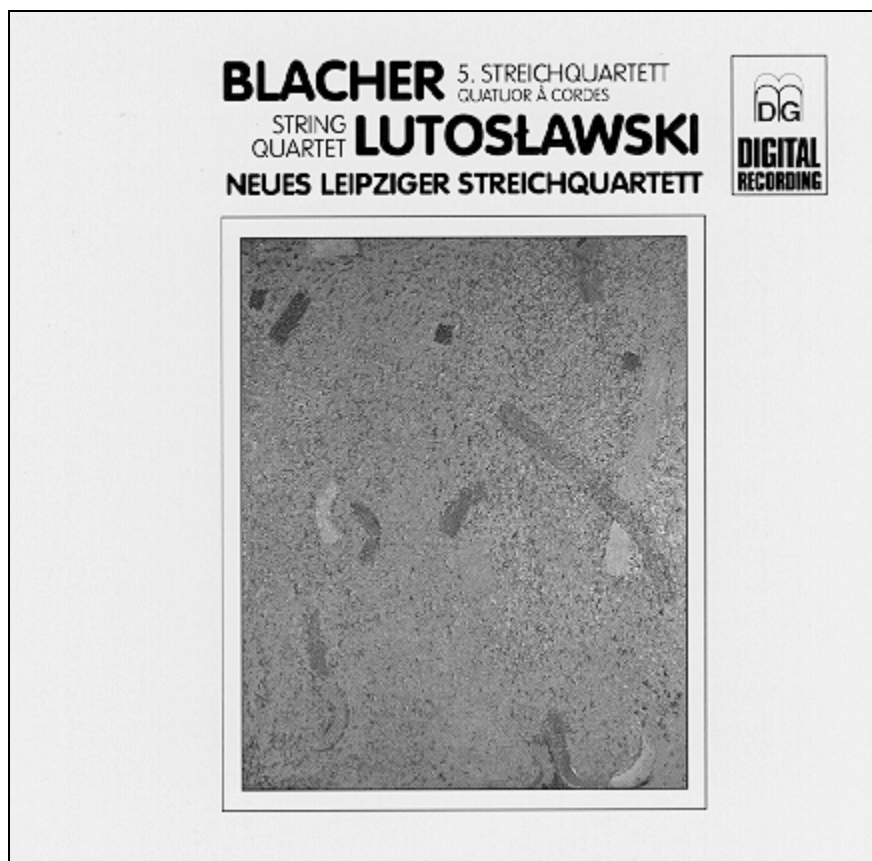


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**Title:**  
Boris Blacher  
Stringquartet No. 5  
Witold Lutoslawski  
Stringquartet

**Musicians:**  
(Neues)  
Leipziger Streichquartett

**Date of Release:**1/1994

**Number of CD's:**1

**Order number:**  
MDG L 3507

**UPC-Code:**  
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### Importance

First recording of Boris Blacher's String Quartet No.5.

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### Overall Idea

Two string quartets by the most important composers of our time, both of whom celebrated special anniversary years in 1993, are presented together.

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### Result

Both composers were concerned to open up new expressive dimensions through variable metrical structures or the resources of aleatory music. Yet the basic ideas behind the compositions are just as different as the paths taken by the composers and the results for the listeners.

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### Special Features

Lutoslawski did not produce a traditional score for his quartet because each instrumentalist was to play her or his part in complete independence from the others over long stretches.

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### The Musicians

The New Leipzig String Quartet was founded in 1986 and won prizes in 1991 at the ARD-Competition and from the Busch Brothers Foundation and the Siemens Foundation. The contemporary repertoire and the works of the Second Viennese School form its special focus.

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### Further Recordings

Schönberg, String Quartet No. 1 MDG L3462  
Beethoven, String Quartet op.131 MDG 307 0550-2  
Franz Schubert, Complete String Quartets Vol.1  
MDG 307 601-2

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### The Verdict of the Press

"CD of the month" (Stereoplay)

"Here the New Leipzig String Quartet demonstrates in a work just as multidimensional as it is musically monumental that analytical illumination and emotional directness can indeed form a smooth and compelling synthesis" (FonoForum 8/93).