

String Quartet no. 1

opus 6

composed

between 20th November 1994 and 11th February 1995. Revised in February 2010.

dedicated

to Willem Bouman

duration

ca. 7'30"

premièred

on 29th October 1995 at the Olof Chapel in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) by the Multatuli Quartet

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by Donemus

scoring

2 Violins, Viola, Violoncello

Marijn Simons on *String Quartet no. 1*:

After having composed a lot of pieces between 1987 and 1993, a short work for violin and piano called *Capriccio* (1993) was categorised by me as “opus 1” based on the fact that this was the first composition performed publicly at a concert. However, I want to keep all the works before opus 11 (*Capriccio for Stan & Ollie*, 1996) to myself. They are not allowed to ever become public through publications, performances, recordings or otherwise.

The only exception being my *String Quartet no. 1, opus 6* (1994/1995). In February 2010 I decided to revise and publish this work to make my series of String Quartets complete. As there is a “no. 1” in my Symphonies and Violin Concertos, I felt there also has to be a “no. 1” among my String Quartets.

In revisions of older works I always improve things that I noticed during rehearsals and performances, e.g. some notational things, fine-tuning orchestrations or the timing of a certain passage that turned out to be unsatisfactory to the way I had it in mind. Therefore only the revised versions of my compositions are allowed to be performed, published or recorded and not the so-called “original versions”.

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