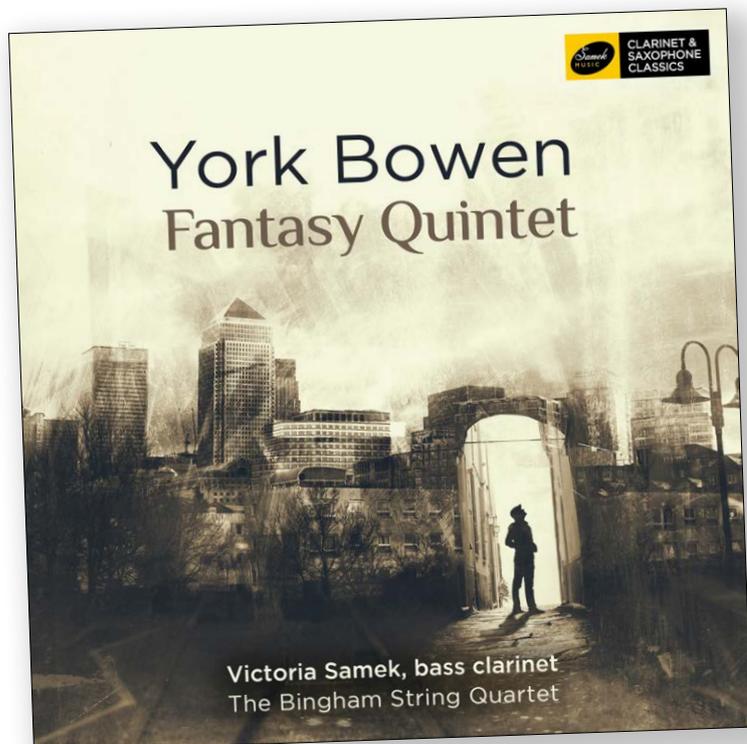


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York Bowen Fantasy Quintet

for Bass Clarinet & String Quartet

Victoria Samek, bass clarinet
The Bingham String Quartet

Arguably one of the first works for bass clarinet and string quartet, this recording of the Fantasy Quintet by York Bowen is a rare gem of English romanticism in which the bass clarinet takes centre stage.

Written at a time when the bass clarinet was still confined within an orchestral setting, York Bowen's Fantasy Quintet has gone on to influence and inspire future generations of composers. With an incredible tonal and dynamic range, agility, and musical depth synonymous with the cello in its ability to sustain a melodic line, the bass clarinet now enjoys status as a solo instrument.

Victoria Samek, founder of Clarinet & Saxophone Classics and director of Samek

- **A rare gem of English romanticism for bass clarinet and string quartet**
- **Recorded by the label's founder and director Victoria Samek**
- **Partnered by the judicious and sensitive playing of the Bingham String Quartet**
- **The first of a new series of Digital Singles**

Music, has earned a place as an eminent exponent of the bass clarinet. She is dedicated to promoting as well as expanding the bass clarinet repertoire, aptly demonstrated in her many bass clarinet recordings.

With few commercially available recordings of this work, it is with great excitement that this recording will be released by Clarinet & Saxophone Classics; a label dedicated to promoting the rich and diverse repertoire for clarinet and saxophone, recorded by world exponents in their field.

This recording is partnered with the Bingham String Quartet with whom Victoria has enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship. The Bingham String Quartet enjoy a reputation for their discerning, judicious and sensitive interpretation in concert and recordings of British repertoire.

This Digital Single, the first of a new series beautifully recorded using the expert facilities of Classical Media, will be coveted by collectors as well as new audiences in having the opportunity to enjoy this glorious work.



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'Victoria Samek projected the personality of the bass clarinet and Thea Musgrave's music with technical mastery and glowing musicianship.' Musical Opinion