

## **Sinta Quartet Method: Graded Repertoire Suggestions**

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*Please note, this list is not exhaustive nor restrictive as to difficulty level. The saxophone quartet repertoire is ever-changing and developing as are the performers!*

### **Intermediate HS**

The repertoire in this section accompanies our recommendations in the *Sinta Quartet Method* text for smaller repertoire collections that work well for newly-formed ensembles. Rather than focusing on large-scale saxophone repertoire from the outset, performing smaller transcriptions enables greater focus early in the group's development while also encouraging familiarity with time-periods and genres of music with which the student might otherwise be unfamiliar.

Bach, J.S./Camwell	24 Bach Chorales	Jeanne Music
Cowell, Henry	Sailor's Hornpipe (1961) AATB	Peermusic
Debussy/Zajac	Golliwog's Cakewalk (1908)	Lauren Keiser Music
Debussy/Zajac	The Little Shepherd (1908)	Lauren Keiser Music
Ulman, Barry	Pollywog's Lake Talk (1986) AATB	Medici Music Press
Various/Patrick & Rascher	Five Centuries for Saxophone Quartet SATB or AATB	Bourne Music
Various/Patrick & Rascher	Masterpieces for Saxophone Quartet	Bourne Music
Various/Teal	Ten Saxophone Quartets AATB	George Schirmer
Various/Voxman & Block	First Book of Saxophone Quartets AATB	Southern Music
Various/Voxman	Quartet Repertoire for Saxophone AATB	Rubank
Zajac, Elaine	Five Miniatures (1974)	Lauren Keiser Music

### **Intermediate Undergraduate/Advanced HS**

While still including some transcriptions, this category features many examples of what have become known as, "standard," saxophone quartet repertoire. While venturing beyond the tonal language of the shorter classical works listed for earlier study, the harmonic and melodic language here is still quite accessible and makes for a good bridge into the increasingly chromatic language found in later works.

Albéniz, Isaac/Mule	Trois Pieces (arr. 1922)	Alphonse Leduc
Bozza, Eugène	Andante et Scherzo (1936)	Alphonse Leduc
Bozza, Eugène	Nuages (1946)	Alphonse Leduc
Debussy/Teal	Andantino et Vif from String Quartet No. 1 (1893)	Lauren Keiser Music
Del Borgo, Elliott	Quartet for Saxophones (1987)	Dorn Publications
Desenclos, Alfred	Quatuor pour saxophones (1964)	Alphonse Leduc
Dubois, Pierre Max	Quatuor pour saxophones (1962)	Alphonse Leduc
Dubois, Pierre Max	Three Petite Sonatas a Scarlatti (1990)	Éditions Billaudot
Florio, Caryl	Quartette (Allegro de Concert) (1877)	Edition Peters
Francaix, Jean	Petit Quatuor (1935)	Schott

Handel, G.F./Formeau	The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (1748)	Éditions Billaudot
Gibbons, Orlando/Hemke	Fantazia	Southern Music
Hass, Chris Evan	Polar Vortex (2015)	Murphy Music Press
Jeanjean, F. & M.	Quatuor pour saxophones (1949)	Editions Salabert
Iturralde, Pedro	Suite Hellenique (1994)	Lemoine
Iturralde, Pedro	Pequeña Czarda (1997)	Real Musical
Lantier, Pierre	Andante et Scherzetto (1942)	Éditions Billaudot
Maslanka, David	Mountain Roads (1997)	Maslanka Press
Mendelssohn/Teal	Presto from Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14 (1828)	Lauren Keiser Music
Mendelssohn/Teal	Spinning Song (1843)	Lauren Keiser Music
Peck, Russell	Drastic Measures (1976)	Dorn Publications
Piazzolla, Astor/Voirpy	Fuga y Misterio (1968)	Tonos Music
Rivier, Jean	Grave et Presto (1938)	Éditions Billaudot
Singelée, J.B./Lefebvre	Allegro de Concert (1859)	Carl Fischer
Singelée, J.B.	Premier Quatuor, Op. 53 (1858)	Resolute Music

### Advanced Undergraduate

Having worked through several standards in the previous category, for the advancing saxophonist this list includes many, “new standard,” works for quartet. Because of the relative youth of the saxophone quartet as an ensemble type, many pieces of standard repertoire were only just recently written as you can see from the date listings. The language and technical demands of these pieces is slightly more advanced specifically regarding range and control.

Barber, Samuel/arr. van der Linden	Adagio for Strings (1936)	Global Music Facilities
Browne, Matthew	Ancient Machines (2011)	Maestoso Music
Browning, Zack	Howler Back (2004)	Composer
Carter, Elliott	Canonic Suite (1939) AAAA	Associated Music Pub.
Chambers, Evan	The Trouble With the Wind (1991)	Composer
Chowenhill, Richard	In Solitude I Sit (2017)	Composer
Collins, Harrison	Drive (2019)	Murphy Music Press
Cuong, Viet	Prized Possessions (1994-95)	Composer
Denton, Sawyer	Midnight Run (2017)	Composer
Dzubay, David	DI/CON[VER(GENCE/SIONS)] (1988)	Needham Publishing
Dzubay, David	Lament (2015)	Pro Nova Music
Escaich, Thierry	Tango Virtuoso (1991)	Billaudot
Etezady, Roshanne	Keen (2004)	Murphy Music Press
Flagello, Gala	Dabble (2019)	Just A Theory Press
Garrett, Keaton	Idling (2019)	Murphy Music Press
Glazunov, Alexander	Saxophone Quartet in Bb Major, Op. 109 (1932)	Belaieff
Goldstein, Perry	Blow! (1993)	Reed Music Pty.

Goldstein, Perry	Fault Lines	Reed Music Pty.
Goldstein, Perry	Filaments of Yesterday (2005)	Reed Music Pty.
Goldstein, Perry	Flex (2007)	Reed Music Pty.
Goldstein, Perry	Motherless Child Variations (2002)	Reed Music Pty.
Goldstein, Perry	Pieces of Elsewhere (2005)	Reed Music Pty.
Gordon, Michael	The Low Quartet (1985) BBBB	Red Poppy Music
Grieg, Edvard/Janse	Aus Holbergs Zeit (1884)	De Haske
Harlin, Patrick	Molasses (2012)	Composer
Hass, Chris Evan	Liquid Metal (2021)	Murphy Music Press
Hass, Chris Evan	Volcanic Ash (2017)	Murphy Music Press
Higdon, Jennifer	Bop (2004)	Lawdon Press
Hodkinson, Sydney	Snippets (1954)	Theodore Presser Company
Kechley, David	Rush (2002)	Pine Valley Press
Lacour, Guy	Quatuor (1969)	Éditions Billaudot
Lago, Guillermo	Ciudades (2011-15)	Composer
de Leeuw, Ton	Saxophone Quartet (1993)	Donemus
Lennon, John Anthony	Elysian Bridges (2012)	Dorn Publications
Leszczynski, John	They Might Be Gods (2009)	Composer
Levy, Matthew	Above (2013)	Composer
Li, Xinyan	Voice of Dong (2011)	Composer
Ligeti, György	Six Bagatelles (1953)	Schott Music
Lindveit, Ryan	Exuberant Turns (2014)	Composer
Love, Joel	In Memoriam (2015)	Murphy Music Press
Mackey, John	Unquiet Spirits (2012)	Ostimusic
Maslanka, David	Recitation Book (2006)	Maslanka Press
Maslanka, David	Songs for the Coming Day (2012)	Maslanka Press
Mellits, Marc	Black (2008/12)	Dacia Music
Moller, Natalie	Phantoms (2013)	Fama Nova Publishing
Nyman, Michael	Songs for Tony (1993)	Chester Music
Nagao, Jun	Quatuor pour saxophones (2002)	Hal Leonard
Pegram, Jules	Hell or High Water (2014)	JPEG Music
Prestamo, Joseph	Sax Machine (2013)	Composer
Piazzolla, Astor/Voirpy	Four for Tango (1988)	Lemoine
Piazzolla, Astor/Voirpy	Histoire du Tango (1985)	Lemoine
Pierné, Gabriel	Introduction et variations sur une ronde populaire (1936)	Alphonse Leduc
Rogers, John Fitz	Prodigal Child (2004)	Composer
Schmitt, Florent	Saxophone Quartet Op. 102 (1948)	Durand
Schumann, R./Bolcom	A Schumann Bouquet (2016)	EB Marks
Siebert, Aaron	The Sobbing of the Phoenix (2019)	Composer
Socolofsky, Annika	Bulgarity (2013)	Composer
Ticheli, Frank	Back Burner (1988)	Southern Music
Torke, Michael	May and June (2010)	Boosey & Hawkes

Torke, Michael	July (1995)	Boosey & Hawkes
Turbin, Jason	Defibrillator Junkie (2013)	Composer
Veldhuis, Jacob Ter	Jesus is Coming (2003)	Composer
Veldhuis, Jacob Ter	Pitch Black (1998)	Composer
Veldhuis, Jacob Ter	Postnuclear Winterscenario No. 10 (2004)	Composer
Wanamaker, Gregory	Elegy (2004)	Composer
Wanamaker, Gregory	Run (2009)	Composer
Wanamaker, Gregory	Saxophone Quartet (2005)	Composer
Wanamaker, Gregory	speed metal organum blues (2002)	Composer
Woods, Phil	Three Improvisations (2001)	Music DuBois
Zare, Roger	LHC (2012)	Composer
Zare, Roger	Z4430 (2014)	Composer

### Graduate School+

The repertoire listed here is suggested for advanced level groups that have worked through many of the standard pieces of the quartet repertoire. The scope and length of this repertoire frequently exceeds that of the previous categories. Also, several of these pieces require fluency with extended techniques from the entire ensemble while also requiring familiarity with non-tonal melodic/harmonic language.

Agócs, Kati	Coloratura (2005)	Composer
Akiho, Andy	Amalgamation (2009)	Composer
Albright, William	Fantasy Etudes (1992/3)	Edition Peters
Amchin, Ron	Double or Nothing (2013)	Composer
Amchin, Ron	Hotfoot (2012)	Composer
Biedenbender, David	Anaphora (2017)	Bent Space Music
Biedenbender, David	Cerulean (2017)	Bent Space Music
Biedenbender, David	you've been talking in your sleep (2010)	Bent Space Music
Bozich, Joseph	Babel (2014)	Composer
Bresnick, Martin	Every Thing Must Go (2007)	Carl Fischer
Bresnick, Martin	Mending Time (2019)	Composer
Browne, Matthew	Hallucinations (2021)	Maestoso Music
Bryars, Gavin	Alaric I or II (1989)	Schott Music
Dvořák, Antonin/Hemke	String Quartet No. 12 "American" (1893)	Arranger
Donatoni, Franco	Rasch (1990)	Ricordi
Dundee, Corey	The... of my... are an... (2016)	Composer
Escaich, Thierry	Le Bal (2003)	Éditions Billaudot
Feld, Jindrich	Quatuor (1981)	Alphonse Leduc
Garrop, Stacy	The Flight of Icarus (2012)	Theodore Presser Company

Glass, Philip	Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra (1995)	Chester Music
Gotkovsky, Ida	Quatuor de Saxophones (1988)	Éditions Billaudot
Haas, Georg Friedrich	Saxophone Quartet (2014)	Universal Edition
Haddad, Saad	Nashwa (2018)	Dib Press
Higdon, Jennifer	Short Stories (1996)	Lawdon Press
Itoh, Takuma	Echolocation (2009)	Resolute Music
Keuris, Tristan	Music for Saxophones (1986)	Novello & Co
Laganella, David	Leafless Trees (2010)	Composer
Leroux, Philippe	Du Souffle (2003)	Éditions Billaudot
Kuster, Kristin	Breath Beneath (2004)	Composer
Kuster, Kristin	Red Pine (2014)	Composer
Ligeti, Lukas	Frozen State of Song(1990/93)	Composer
Lindveit, Ryan	Hybrid Instinct (2015)	Composer
Ludwig, David	Josquin Microludes (2012)	David Ludwig Music
Lukáš, Zdeněk	Rondo for 4 Saxophones, Op. 70 (1970)	Composer
Mackey, Steve	Animal, Vegetable, Mineral (2005)	Boosey & Hawkes
Mead, Andrew	Saxophone Quartet No. 1 (2003)	Murphy Music Press
Mead, Andrew	Saxophone Quartet No. 2 (2003)	Murphy Music Press
Mellits, Marc	Ex Machina (2017)	Dacia Music
O'Halloran, Emma	Night Music (2014)	Composer
Pann, Carter	The Mechanics (2013)	Theodore Presser Company
Raman, Suby	Mirapakaya (2014)	Composer
Romero, Aldemaro	Saxophone Quartet (1976)	Antes Edition
Ryan, Bill	Hard Line (2014)	Composer
Sciarrino, Salvatore	Pagine (1998)	Ricordi
Simon, Carlos	Catch on Fire (2020)	Composer
Ware, Evan	Returns (2013)	Composer
Weesner, Anna	Vamp (2016)	Composer
Wolfe, Julia	Cha (2015)	Red Poppy Music
Wuorinen, Charles	Saxophone Quartet (1992)	Edition Peters
Xenakis, Iannis	XAS (1987)	Editions Salabert
Zupko, Mischa	Quantum Shift (2017)	Sarché Publishing

### Concertos

The following are a selection of pieces for saxophone quartet as a featured soloist with either Wind Ensemble or Orchestra. These are suitable to be performed by more advanced saxophone quartets since they require a high level of musical maturity, technical control, extended range, and a strong grasp of extended techniques in some cases, as well as facility with non-tonal writing.

Biedenbender, David	Severance (2019)	Bent Space Music
Bolcom, William	Concerto Grosso (2000/2010)	EB Marks

Browne, Matthew	Cabinet of Curiosities (2016)	Maestoso Music
Colgrass, Michael	Urban Requiem (1995)	Colgrass Music
Glass, Philip	Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra (1995)	Chester Music
Mackey, Steven	Animal, Vegetable, Mineral (2005)	Boosey & Hawkes
Maslanka, David	Concerto (2012)	Maslanka Press
McAllister, Scott	X2	LydMusic
Sekiguchi, Kenichi Ikuno	"El espejo de la angustia" ("The Mirror of Angst") Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra in Three Movements	Composer
Yi, Chen	Ba Yin (2001/15)	Theodore Presser Company