

## Steve Reich



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#### Variations for Vibes, Pianos and Strings

2005

25 min

dance piece for vibraphones, pianos and strings

2 pft-4vib-3 string quartets (or sm string section\*)

\*no amplification required if more than 3 to a part

*"The instrumental writing in the variations is as beautifully crafted as ever, built upon a rotating sequence of four chords and creating a fast-slow-fast scheme, with the movements getting progressively shorter."*

*The Guardian*

*"Three string quartets spar with four vibraphones, clashing and aligning in turn. Underneath the subtly changing textures the dark ruminations of two pianos provide a moody balance to some of Reich's most buoyant harmonies."*

*The Times*

**World Premiere: 18 Mar 2006**

Philharmonie, Köln, Germany

Akram Khan, choreographer; London Sinfonietta

Conductor: Bradley Lubman