

VAN KUIJK QUARTET



Nicolas Van Kuijk and Sylvain
Favre-Bulle, violins
Emmanuel François, viola
François Robin, cello

Completing two seasons as BBC New Generation Artists this autumn, the Van Kuijk Quartet's international accolades boast First, Best Beethoven and Best Haydn Prizes at the 2015 Wigmore Hall International String Quartet competition, First Prize and an Audience Award at the Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition, as well as becoming laureates of the Aix-en-Provence Festival Academy. Further to this, they join the ECHO Rising Stars roster for the 2017/2018 season.

Since their formation in 2012, the ensemble is already an established presence in major international venues, performing at the Wigmore Hall in London, Auditorium du Louvre, Philharmonie de Paris, Théâtre des Champs Élysées, and Salle Gaveau in Paris, Tonhalle in Zurich, Wiener Konzerthaus and Musikverein in Vienna, Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Berliner Philharmonie, Kölner Philharmonie, Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg, Tivoli Concert Series in Denmark, Konserthuset Stockholm, and at festivals including the BBC Proms, Cheltenham, Heidelberg, Lockenhaus, Davos, Verbier, Aix-en-Provence, Montpellier/Radio France, Evian, Auvers-sur-Oise, Stavanger (Norway), Concentus Moraviae (Czech Republic), Haydn/Esterházy in Fertod (Hungary), Eilat (Israel) and Canberra (Australia). Last season the quartet made acclaimed debuts in Hong Kong, Australia & Taiwan. They will embark on their first major tour to North America this autumn, performing at The Frick Collection in New York, The Phillips Collection in Washington DC, and Salle Bourgie in Montreal.

The Van Kuijk Quartet records exclusively for Alpha Classics. Their debut

recording, Mozart, was released to outstanding critical acclaim in Autumn 2016 - CHOC de Classica, DIAPASON D'OR DECOUVERTE - and is followed now by a CD of French music: the Quartets of Debussy and Ravel, alongside Chausson's Chanson Perpétuelle with American mezzo-soprano Kate Lindsey.

The Van Kuijk Quartet is in residence at Proquartet, Paris, where they study with members of the Alban Berg, Artemis and Hagen quartets. Having taken their first steps as students of the Ysaye Quartet, the young musicians have worked with Günter Pichler at the Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía in Madrid; supported generously by the International Institute of Chamber Music of Madrid.

The quartet also participates in international academies; at the McGill International String Quartet Academy in Montreal, with Michael Tree of the Guarneri Quartet and André Roy; at the Weikersheim International Chamber Music Course with the Vogler Quartet and Heime Müller, formerly of the Artemis Quartet, as well as the renowned academies in both Verbier and Aix-en-Provence.

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