



Sacconi Quartet

Sample Programmes

"An exceptional ensemble... a unanimous sense of musical breath and a meticulous attention to detail." Musical Opinion

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Ben Hancox and Hannah Dawson *violins*

Robin Ashwell *viola*

Cara Berridge *cello*

String Quartet Repertoire

Debussy 100th Anniversary

Suk: Meditation on the Old Czech Hymn 'St Wenceslas', Op. 35a

Debussy: String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10

Beethoven: String Quartet in C# minor, Op. 131

Haydn: String Quartet in F minor, Op. 55 No. 2 'The Razor'

Grieg: String Quartet No. 1 in G minor, Op. 27

Dvořák: String Quartet No. 13 in G major, Op. 106

Glass @ 80 / Adams @ 70

Glass: String Quartet No. 2 'Company'

Reich: Triple Quartet (for quartet and tape)

Adams: John's Book of Alleged Dances (for quartet and tape)

John Ireland Sextet

with Robert Plane, *clarinet*, and Alec Frank-Gemmill, *horn*

Mozart: Horn Quintet in E-flat major, K.407

Ireland: Sextet for Clarinet, Horn and String Quartet

Weber: Clarinet Quintet, Op. 34

Additional repertoire

Korngold: String Quartet No. 3 in D major, Op. 34

Dove: String Quartet 'Out of Time'

Huw Watkins: String Quartet

Fitkin: Servant

Festival Programmes

These can be performed together as a concert or spread over the course of a festival.

Jonathan Dove

With Mark Padmore (*tenor*) and Charles Owen (*piano*)

Dove: String Quartet 'Out of Time'

Dove: Piano Quintet

Dove: *In Damascus* for Tenor and String Quartet (a special commission by the Sacconi Quartet and Mark Padmore, set to the words of Syrian poet Ali Safar's 'A Black Cloud in a Leaden White Sky', which sensitively recounts the stories of everyday life in a war-torn city.)

Graham Fitkin

Celebrating leading composer Graham Fitkin's works for string quartet:

Fitkin: Servant

Fitkin: Inside

Fitkin: String

Fitkin: Pawn

Fitkin: Recur for harp and string quartet

Gwilym Simcock

Simcock: String Quartet

Simcock: Piano Quintet (with Gwilym Simcock, *piano*)

Simcock: Solo piano repertoire

Alternative Programmes

Beethoven 131 in the Dark

Beethoven: String Quartet No. 14 in C sharp minor, Op. 131 *from memory and in the dark*

HEARTFELT

An immersive, personal performance combining robotics, lighting and music in a radical re-interpretation of this iconic Beethoven quartet.

Beethoven: String Quartet in A minor, Op. 132 www.heartfelt.org.uk

Juliet Letters

A revival of the rarely performed Juliet Letters, composed and toured by the Brodsky Quartet, with folk singer Jon Boden (ex-frontman of Bellowhead).

Costello & Brodsky Quartet: The Juliet Letters

Death's Cabaret: A Love Story

*A ground-breaking new kind of concerto - a cabaret concerto - commissioned for outstanding cellist, baritone and story-teller **Matthew Sharp** with the Sacconi Quartet from celebrated composer Stephen Deazley and award-winning writer Martin Riley.*

Re:Focus

*A unique dedication, written by Tim Garland, to the cult hit of 1961, 'Focus', feat. Stan Getz and composer Eddie Sauter, combining jazz improvisation with mixed strings. Featuring virtuoso musicians **Tim Garland** (saxophone), **Asaf Sirkis** (percussion), **Yuri Goloubev** (bass) and **Thomas Gould** (violin). Premiered at the EFG London Jazz Festival at Wigmore Hall, November 2016.*

Collaborations

Octets (with *Wihan Quartet*): Shostakovich, Enescu and Mendelssohn

String Quintets: Brahms, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert

Piano Quintets (with *Charles Owen*): Dvořák, Brahms, Schumann, Elgar, Franck, Shostakovich, Dove

Clarinet Quintets: Brahms, Mozart, Bliss, Weber, Glazunov, Bowen, Howells

Tenor and String Quartet (with *Roderick Williams*): Finzi *By Footpath* and *Stile* and John McCabe *Silver Nocturnes*

String Sextets: Brahms, Strauss, Schoenberg

Schubert: Trout Quintet D. 667

Beethoven: Septet in E flat major, Op. 20

Schubert: Octet in F, D. 803

Masterclasses

The Sacconi Quartet offer a range of masterclasses, along with education and outreach work, as part of festival residencies.