

Biography Quatuor van Kuijk 2018

Nicolas Van Kuijk – violin

Sylvain Favre-Bulle – violin

Emmanuel François – viola

François Robin - cello

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. They were BBC New Generation Artists from 2015-2017 and joined the prestigious ECHO Rising Stars roster for the 2017/2018 season.

Following such high success early in their career, the ensemble is an established presence in major international venues, performing at the Wigmore Hall in London, Philharmonie de Paris, Auditorium du Louvre, 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). Further afield they tour each season to North America, appearing at the Frick Collection in New York, The Phillips Collection in Washington DC and Salle Bourgie in Montreal, amongst others, and will make their Lincoln Center debut in February 2019. This season they will also return to Australia and Taiwan and make their first tours to Japan and China.

The Van Kuijk Quartet records exclusively for Alpha Classics. Their debut recording, Mozart, was released to outstanding critical acclaim - CHOC de Classica, DIAPASON D'OR DECOUVERTE – and followed by a CD of French music. This season they present a highly anticipated disc of Schubert's 10th and 14th Quartets, launching at Paris' Théâtre des Bouffes du Nord.

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.

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