

ZEHETMAIR QUARTET



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Kuba Jakowicz, violin
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The Zehetmair Quartet embarked upon their first concert tour in 1998, which led to immediate reinventions from all promoters. Regular invitations to the USA and Japan are completing the Quartet's annual European tours. Furthermore, the Zehetmair Quartet are a welcome guest at famous international summer festivals such as Edinburgh Festival, Helsinki Festival and the Schleswig Holstein Musik Festival.

Among the outstanding artistic challenges of their 2007/08 season was a cycle performing all of Robert Schumann's string quartets at Wigmore Hall, London; the world premiere of String Quartet No 2 by Heinz Holliger - a work commissioned for the Zehetmair Quartet - as well as an extensive concert tour throughout the US, which was received with great enthusiasm from audiences and press. Highlights of the 2008/09 season included a concert at the Hong Kong Arts Festival, a residency at the Festival Printemps des Arts in Monte Carlo and two performances in New York to commemorate Elliott Carter's 100th birthday. In 2009/10 the quartet made two extended concert tours with performances in several German cities as well as at numerous outstanding chamber music series of Europe including Brussels, Amsterdam, London, Paris, and Lisbon.

The Zehetmair Quartet have recorded Bartók's Fourth String Quartet and Hartmann's First Quartet as well as Schumann's First and Third String Quartets. Both recordings have won several awards, including Gramophone Award for Record of the Year, the Diapason d'Or, and the Klara Prize for Best International Production of the Year. Their latest CD of Hindemith's Quartet No 4 Bartok's Quartet No 5, was honored by the press as a reference recording and was awarded with the Diapason d'Or of the Year.

In the 2010/11 season the Zehetmair Quartet debuts at the Festspiele Salzburg and appears again at the Aldeburgh Festival.

Further concerts lead the Quartet to e.g. Brügge, Luxemburg, and London, where it performs Beethoven's String quartet op. 131 and Schostakowitsch's String quartet op. 15. Furthermore, a new recording is to be released, dedicated to works by Holliger and Beethoven.

For 2011 the Zehetmair Quartet has already been re-invited to the Festspiele Salzburg to present Beethoven's String quartet's op. 132 and op. 135.

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