



Janáček Quartet

Chamber Ensemble

Janáček Quartet is one of the longest established chamber music ensembles active today. Formed in 1947 by the students of the Conservatory of Brno, originally under the name JAMU Quartet, the ensemble changed its name to Janáček Quartet early on to honour the Moravian composer Leoš Janáček and their close musical ties. The quartet gradually expanded their repertoire to Dvořák, Smetana, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, Martinů, and Erwin Schulhoff. In 2017 Deutsche Grammophon released their complete recordings on the label, marking the ensemble's 70 years of music making. Highlights of their past and recent concert engagements include Edinburgh Festival, Wigmore Hall, Bologna's Teatro Manzoni, Palau de la Música in Valencia, Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall and Seoul Arts Centre. The current members of the quartet are: Miloš Vacek, Richard Kružík, Jan Řezníček and Břetislav Vybíral.



Sample programmes

PROGRAM 1: Erwin Schulhoff: String Quartet No. 1
Bedřich Smetana: String Quartet No. 2
Interval
Leoš Janáček: String Quartet No 2
„Intimate Letters “

PROGRAM 2: Leoš Janáček: String Quartet No. 1
D. Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 7
Interval
Tchaikovsky: String Quartet No. 1 D dur

Reviews

The Janacek Quartet penetrated the essence of each work with emotion and matchless intelligence. They remain second to none in this repertoire.

The Guardian

The glorious heyday of a first-rate quartet in repertoire that for the most part suits their glowing and incisive style.

Gramophone

In Janáček's Intimate Letters the shading of colours and bow weights in the opening movement are responsible for some truly stellar use of palette and sonority. The architecture of the movement is compellingly vivid in their hands...

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