

## Group Biography – Van Kuijk Quartet

Currently BBC New Generation Artists, 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. In addition, they join the ECHO Rising Stars roster for the 2017-18 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 and Salle Gaveau in Paris, Tonhalle in Zurich, Musikverein in Vienna, Berliner Philharmonie, Tivoli Concert Series in Denmark, Sage Gateshead, and at festivals in Cheltenham, Heidelberg, Lockenhaus, Davos, Verbier, Aix-en-Provence, Montpellier/Radio France, Evian, Auvers-sur-Oise, Stavanger (Norway), Concentus Moraviae (Czech Republic), Haydn/Esterhazy in Fertod (Hungary), Eilat (Israel), and Canberra (Australia). This season saw the quartet make their debut in Hon Kong, Australia, and Taiwan. They are also due to return to North America this autumn for appearances at The Frick Collection in New York, The Phillips Collection in Washington DC, and Salle Bourgie in Montreal.

The Quartet records exclusively for Alpha Classics. Their debut recording, simply titled "Mozart", was released to outstanding critical acclaim in Autumn 2016 and was followed by a disc of French music in late 2017.

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 Gunter Pichler at the Escuela Superior de Musica Reina Sofia 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 Andre Roy; at the Weikersheim International Chamber Music Course with the Vogler Quartet and Heime Mueller, formerly of the Artemis Quartet, as well as the renowned academies in both Verbier and Aix-en-Provence.

Mecenat Musical Societe Generale is the Van Kuijk's main sponsor.