

„the finest chamber music performance I have heard anywhere“
Classical Voice North America, Robert Markow

“The Notos Quartet is the best piano quartet that I know,” enthuses Günter Pichler, the first violinist of the legendary Alban Berg Quartet, while the great violinist Shlomo Mintz has singled out not only the ensemble’s technical brilliance and its power of musical expression but also, and more especially, the players’ outstanding ability to communicate both with each other and with their audiences. “Phenomenal, this is true musicianship,” the celebrated cellist Lynn Harrell has praised their work, and the eminent conductor Zubin Mehta is so enthusiastic about their abilities that he has predicted a great future for them.

The Notos Quartet was formed in 2007 and has already won several international competitions, including first prizes at the Schoenfeld International String Competition in Harbin in China, the Parkhouse Award in London, the Charles Hennen Competition in Heerlen in the Netherlands, the Premio Vittorio Gui Competition in Florence and the Almere International Chamber Music Competition, also in the Netherlands.

In addition to their appearances at major festivals and in leading concert halls throughout Europe, the Notos Quartet regularly visits such exotic locations as south-east Asia, where the players not only give recitals but also seek to promote the careers of young musicians, which they regard as an important part of their work. In their native Germany, too, they inspire young musicians through their educational programme, the Notos Chamber Music Academy, where the members of the quartet work together with young and talented artists, inspiring them with their passion and giving performances with them.

The Notos Quartet has also taken upon itself the task not only of performing well-known masterpieces but also of rediscovering lost and forgotten examples of the genre of the piano quartet and presenting them to a wider audience.

In February 2017 the Debut CD of the Notos Quartet was released by Sony Classical/RCA.

Notos Quartet

Sindri Lederer - violin
Andrea Burger - viola
Philip Graham - cello
Antonia Köster - piano