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ELIAS STRING QUARTET - THE BEETHOVEN PROJECT

Grand Fugue Webstream - 10 days only!

On its dedicated website the Elias String Quartet continues to share its intrepid journey of discovery of the Beethoven quartets as it reaches one of the most challenging milestones, the Grosse Fuge. Following on from Sara Bitloch's much admired insight film about the work, a complete Wigmore Hall performance is available from today as a webstream for a limited 10 day period only.

The Quartet begins UK performances of the complete Beethoven Quartets cycle in the forthcoming season and, in the meantime, has recently captured the hearts of American audiences (and sold out at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall) on its US debut tour.

Go to Webstream - Beethoven String Quartet Op.130 with Op.133 "Grosse Fuge"

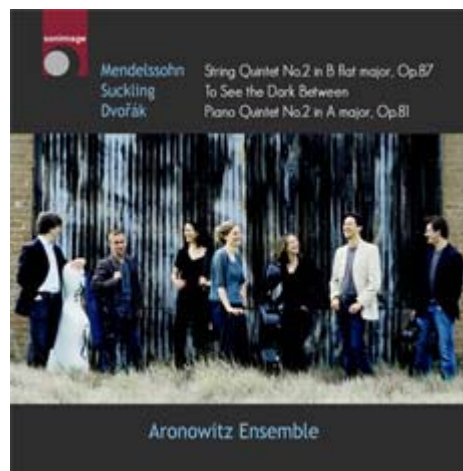
Watch Sara Bitloch's insight film

www.thebeethovenproject.com

"Few quartets at any stage of their evolution have this much personality - as manifested by an unusually warm blend [and] emotional individuality."

- Philadelphia Inquirer 29.03.12

CD RELEASES



ARONOWITZ ENSEMBLE

BBT SPECIAL ENSEMBLE SCHOLARSHIP 2009

Mendelssohn String Quartet in B flat, Op.87

Martin Suckling To See the Dark Between

Dvorak Piano Quintet No. 2

Sonimage release May 2012

Aronowitz violinist Nadia Wijzenbeek comments: "This CD is all about playing music we love! It's an unexpected combination, but they all fit nicely together."

The new work by Martin Suckling was specially commissioned for the whole ensemble of seven players and is "very effective, imaginative, evocative music."

[Hear a track from the CD](#)

IRINA ZAHARENKOVA piano

BBT FELLOWSHIP 2007

Scarlatti Piano Sonatas

Classical Records (Russia) release April 2012

This recording follows on from Bach's Goldberg Variations released on the same label in 2010, also supported by BBT. "Beautifully sculpted pianism with plenty of colour, character and imagination. A very enterprising programme, too: a good number of the sonatas - all of them musically interesting - are relatively unfamiliar." (Rob Cowan BBC Radio 3)

[Hear a track from the CD](#)



TRIO MONDRIAN

BBT FELLOWSHIP 2009

Ravel Piano Trio in A minor

Shostakovich Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op.67

Challenge Classics release 30 March 2012

Russian Expressionism and French Impressionism perfectly balanced in two major works, structurally identical but emotionally contrasting. "This performance [of the Shostakovich] has terrific integrity, blending bitterness and irony with the elegiac... The Mondrians' colours and textures in the Ravel are luminous, with delicacy and gusto achieving a fine equilibrium." (Gramophone, April 2012)

[Hear a track from the CD](#)

Important BBT Dates In May:

BBT ENSEMBLE TOUR



2-6 May 2012 | Amsterdam • London • Eindhoven

A unique BBT chamber ensemble comprising violinist **Viviane Hagner**, violist **Lawrence Power**, cellist **Christian Poltéra** and pianist **Khatia Buniatishvili** with a programme of some of the finest chamber works by Beethoven, Chopin and Brahms. Special pre-concert talk at Queen Elizabeth Hall in London on 4 May with BBT's founding trustee **Mitsuko Uchida DBE**.

Full tour details at www.bbtrust.com

Queen Elizabeth Hall tickets 4 May at www.southbankcentre.co.uk

MAY 10th | JÖRGEN VAN RIJEN *trombone* BBT AWARD 2006 | BBT COMMISSION - UK PREMIERE

UK premiere of a new trombone concerto composed by **Kalevi Aho** for Dutch trombonist **Jörgen van Rijen**, commissioned with the support of BBT. Alexander Vedernikov conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican, London.

Tickets at www.barbican.org.uk

[Hear excerpts from the world premiere performance](#)



MAY 15th | SHAI WOSNER *piano* BBT AWARD 2005 | BBT COMMISSION - WORLD PREMIERE

World premiere of new chamber concerto for piano and orchestra written by Michael Hersch for Shai Wosner. Gerard Schwarz conducts the Seattle Symphony Orchestra at Benaroya Hall, Seattle.

Tickets at www.seattlesymphony.org

More about BBT's commissions at www.bbtrust.com/commissions

BBT WINNERS 2012

Full list of BBT winners 2012 at www.bbtrust.com.

IAMA YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE - Budapest

APR 20th | SEAN SHIBE *guitar* BBT FELLOWSHIP 2012

A chance for IAMA Conference delegates to catch this talented young guitarist whose name seems to be on everybody's lips from Edinburgh to Brighton. This summer sees debut engagements at Wigmore Hall, at the Brighton, East Neuk and Lammermuir festivals and with Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Conference details at www.iamaworld.com



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