

ZEMLINSKY QUARTET

Winner of Bordeaux String Quartet Competition 2010

František Souček, Petr Strížek – violin, Petr Holman – viola, Vladimír Fortin – violoncello

Since its founding in 1994, the **ZEMLINSKY QUARTET** has become a much lauded example of the Czech string quartet tradition. The quartet has won the First Grand Prize in the Bordeaux String Quartet Competition (2010) and also enjoyed a string of top competition prizes that include Banff, Prague Spring and London, where it was also awarded the Audience Prize. They have also been the recipient of the Alexander Zemlinsky Advancement Award. In 2016/17, Zemlinsky Quartet was appointed as the residential ensemble of the Czech Chamber Music Society. So far, the Zemlinsky Quartet has toured extensively in four continents. The repertoire of the ensemble is far ranging containing more than 200 works by many leading composers, including contemporary music. Since 2007, the Zemlinsky Quartet has recorded exclusively for the French record label Praga Digitals, having released fourteen titles including „Diapason d’Or“ award winning 4-CD set of early string quartets by A. Dvořák. In 2014, the Zemlinsky Quartet became only the fourth quartet in the history to record the complete string quartets by Antonín Dvořák. The recordings of the Zemlinsky Quartet have received universal critical acclaim. Having studied with Walter Levin (LaSalle Quartet) and Josef Kluson (Pražák Quartet), the group now gives numerous master classes to students of any age. In 2006-11, the quartet served as Assistant Quartet-in-Residence at Musikakademie Basel in Switzerland. Recently, F. Souček and P. Holman have been introduced as professors of the Prague Conservatory.

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