

MusicAnts

The MusicAnts string quartet exists since 2005. It was founded by musicians associated by their work together at the symphony orchestra of the Bulgarian National Radio and aspiring to express themselves in the sphere of chamber music.

The Quartet performs in the most popular concert halls in Sofia. The MusicAnts are among the permanent participants in the most prestigious chamber music series and musical festivals in Bulgaria, and they had also successful performances in Germany and the United States. As ardent protagonists of the best in modern music, they were the first in Bulgaria to play compositions of Astor Piazzolla, Erich Korngold and Frank Martin. They perform and make records of classical music for the National Radio, and compositions written especially for them by Bulgarian authors like Georgi Andreev and Tsenko Minkin.

MusicAnts had the privilege to work with great musicians like Theodosii Spassov, Alexey Izmirliiev, Anna Stoytcheva, Georgi Velichkov, Mladen Taskoff, Petya Ivanova.

MusicAnts Quartett attended Master Class of Erich Hoebarth – first violinist of string quartet “Mosaiques”.

For their concert activity during the season 2008 – 2009 MusicAnts were nominated for the prestigious Bulgarian musical award Crystal Lyre.

Following their successful guest-performances in America in 2007 / 2008, MusicAnts were invited to start the season 2009 / 2010 with concert tour in USA.

The Quartet presented various concert programmes in Chicago IL, Ann Arbor MI, Washington DC and Manassas VA. The highlights of the tour become the concert in the famous Carnegie Hall in New York which gave the start of the new season of “Bulgarian Concert Evenings in New York”.

REVIEWS

“...The quartet’s sound of Astor Piazzolla’s composition was diverse and purposeful; it conveyed the nostalgia, fatality, and that peculiar fatigue of the emotional experience so characteristic of tango nuevo...”

...Finally Panonia Boundless flowed, the popular piece by the Serbian composer Aleksandra Vrebalov – the musicians indulged in their spontaneity and intuition during the subtle ensemble interplay.”

Ekaterina Docheva, Kultura newspaper

“They are sincere, modern, seeking new forms of expression, highly creative musicians – a quartet easy and pleasant to work with.”

Theodosii Spassov

“...Creative, inspired, devoted advocates of the best in contemporary music, MusicAnts String Quartet establish a pronounced individual style and occupy a proper place on our chamber music scene...”

Lilia Nikolova, Metronome, BNR

“A superb chamber music concert. The four talented musicians Teodora Hristova, Gratiela Panayotova, Ralitsa Cherneva and Stoyan Bozhkov presented the Washington audience with a splendid concert programme, which turned the evening

into an exciting celebration of Bulgarian art in the U.S.”

Luchezar Petkov, Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the U.S.