

This Week

Music

Top quartet in town

Chamber-music lovers will want to turn their attention to a one-of-a-kind concert tomorrow evening, as the world-renowned Leipzig String Quartet perform at Nicosia's PASYDY Auditorium.

Following the resounding success of their concert in Cyprus two years ago, the ensemble makes a welcome return to Nicosia, to appear in the Pharos Arts Foundation's Concert and Recital Series. Since its founding over two decades ago, the Leipzig String Quartet – whose members hail from Johann Sebastian Bach's hometown in Germany – has long enjoyed a sterling reputation based on its evenly matched sound and demanding execution.

Its current members – violinists Stefan Arzberger and Tilman Buning; violist Ivo Bauer; cellist Matthias Moosdorf – include three former principals of Leipzig's from the venerable Gewandhaus Orchestra. In 1993, they relinquished their positions with the orchestra to devote themselves full time to chamber music, while continuing to uphold the principles of sound and integrity attributed to this great orchestra.

The quartet is a strong advocate of modern music. As members of the Ensemble Avantgarde Leipzig, the quartet performs contemporary music along with exploring the repertoire of the Second Viennese

School (Schoenberg, Berg and Webern). Furthermore, the quartet's numerous recordings (almost 70) have been met with international critical acclaim, earning a number of distinctions.

Today, the group performs widely throughout Europe and tours annually throughout North America, with performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Centre, the Library of Congress, and chamber music series in Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles, Ottawa, and Toronto.

For tomorrow's programme the Leipzig String Quartet will open with Haydn – *String Quartet in B flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4, Hob. III:78 "Sunrise"*, Mendelssohn's *String Quartet No. 6 in F minor, Op. 80*, followed by Schumann's – *String Quartet in A major, Op. 41 No. 3* which is sure to delight any chamber music fan.

Leipzig String Quartet
Pharos Arts Foundation, presents one of the world's most acclaimed chamber ensembles.
November 11. PASYDY Auditorium, Nicosia.
8.30pm. €20 / 15. Tel: 22-663 871



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