

## Atrium String Quartet

*"A beautifully balanced group with a fine, burnished tone and excellent blend"* – **The Strad**

One of the most inspiring, dynamic and charismatic ensembles on the musical scene, the Atrium String Quartet have established themselves as performers of deep emotion, intellect, virtuosity and technical brilliance. Highly acclaimed by audiences and press the Quartet has performed throughout Europe, Russia, the USA, Australia, Japan and Brazil.

The Atrium Quartet is a winner of two of the most prestigious International Competitions for String Quartet: First prize and Audience Prize of the 9th London International String Quartet Competition in 2003 and Grand-Prix of the 5th International String Quartet Competition in Bordeaux in 2007.

In 2010 the Atrium Quartet celebrates its 10-th Anniversary. Founded in 2000 in St Petersburg under the inspiration of Professor Josef Levinson, the Quartet graduated from the St Petersburg Conservatoire in 2003 and then completed their education in Amsterdam coached by Prof. Stefan Metz at the Netherland String Quartet Academy (2006-2007) and in Conservatoire Hanns Eisler in Berlin (2007-2009) with Prof. Eberhard Feltz. The Quartet has also been coached by famous musicians from the Alban Berg Quartet, Vermeer Quartet, by Marc Danel.

Recent highlights for the Atrium Quartet have included recitals at the Wigmore Hall, Royal Festival Hall in London, Library of Congress in Washington, Frick Museum in New York, Les Invalides in Paris, BOZAR in Brussels, De Doelen in Rotterdam, Conservatoire du Geneva, Palau Musica Catalana and L'Auditori in Barcelona, Philharmonic Hall in St Petersburg, Toppan Hall and Oji Halls in Tokyo, as well as recitals at prestigious Festivals such as Schleswig-Holstein Festival, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival, Schwetzingen Festival in Germany, Colmar Festival in France, Orlando Festival in the Netherlands, Haydn International Festival in Eszterhaza in Hungary, Davos and Luzern Festivals in Switzerland.

Concerts in Hamburg, Berlin, Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, concert tours in the United Kingdom, Festivals in Russia and USA and, of course, in the native city St.Petersburg scheduled for the season 2011-2012.

The Quartet has performed with such eminent musicians as violist Richard Young of the Vermeer Quartet, pianists Brigitte Engerer and Jean-Bernard Pommier, cellist Antonio Meneses.

Teaching becomes another important part of Quartet's activities. The members of the Atrium Quartet shared their experience with young musicians from the UK, USA, Brazil and Russia.

The Atrium Quartet's discography includes a CD with works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich made for EMI Classics and a DVD 'Live in Concert' in the Netherlands with music by Tchaikovsky. Another CD was recorded in Paris for Zig-Zag Territories (Beethoven Quartet Op.74 in E flat, and Shostakovich Quartet No.5, Op.92), and was the Gramophone's Editor's Choice in November 2008. The Quartet recorded all 4 string quartets of Spanish composer Jordi Cervello. Two of his quartets («A Bach» & «Sant Petersburg») dedicated to the members of the Atrium Quartet. Recent CD with works of D. Shostakovich recorded in St Petersburg. Release of this CD planned for the beginning of 2012.

In current season the Quartet introduced the world premiere of the 3rd String Quartet by Xiaoyong Chen in Hamburg.

The Quartet currently resides in Berlin, Germany.