

# Selini Quartet

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Inspired by the Greek Mythology, Selini Quartet borrows its name from the Goddess Selini, the Goddess of the moon. The semicircle-shape of the string quartet reminds us the one of the Quarter Moon, where each member of our quartet symbolises one of the four moon phases.

Coming from Russia, Romania and Greece, the four musicians met in Vienna, where they formed the Selini Quartet in 2017. Since then, thanks to their commitment to the score, combined with their powerful sound and wide range of emotions, they have been performing around Europe and have won prestigious awards. All these have now led the Selini Quartet to be selected to represent Austria's music scene across the world, through the "NASOM-New Austrian Sound Of Music" program, for the seasons 2020-2022.

They have been invited to perform in some of Vienna's major concert venues such as the Musikverein, Vienna Konzerthaus, Schubertshaus, Beethoven Museum, Beethovenhaus Baden, ORF RadioKulturhaus, MuTh, Pözl Halle Amstetten, Burgtheater, Hofburg. Abroad, they have appeared in countries like Germany, Greece, France, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, the UK and Belgium.

Their performances have included appearances at the "Steirisches Kammermusikfestival" in Graz, at the «Kalkalpen Kammermusikfestival» in Grossraming, at the "Aegina International Music Festival" in Greece, at the "Harmos Festival" in Portugal, at the „Prague Clarinet Days“ Festival, at the "Festspillene Helgeland" in Norway and «Capraia Music Festival» in Italy and more.

The Selini Quartet is prizewinner of the "Szymanowski International Music Competition" 2018 (Poland)- 2nd prize as well as of the "Artis Quartet Prize" of ISA Competition (Austria).

In summer of 2019, the quartet has been invited to teach at the "Toppen International Summer Academy"(Norway), as well as to participate in the Chamber Music Residency program of "Festival d'Aix en Provence" (France, 2019). They are also members of many renowned projects including ECMA (European Chamber Music Academy), Le Dimore del Quartetto, Musethica and the Quatuor Diotima's Academy.

With the guidance of Johannes Meissl (Artis Quartett), they have been working since their formation, on developing the deepest understanding of music.

They have also been inspired by other wonderful musicians such as Hatto Beyerle (Alban Berg Quartett), Evgenia Epstein (Aviv Quartet), Peter Schumayer (Artis Quartett), Patrick Juedt, David Alberman (Arditti Quartet), Andras Keller (Keller Quartet), Pavel Vernikov, Leonard Roczek (Minetti Quartett), Diotima Quartet, Vida Vujic and more.

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