

PRESS RELEASE

CONCERT
TETRAKTYS STRING QUARTET

Friday 12 May 2017

The Shoe Factory, Nicosia / 8.30pm

The Pharos Arts Foundation presents a concert with the Tetraktys String Quartet, recognised as one of the most dynamic and innovative quartets in Europe. Internationally acclaimed for its technical excellence and stylistic elegance, Tetraktys is distinguished for its impeccable and absorbing sound as well as the expressiveness and passion of its performances and it has appeared in some of the world's most prestigious venues. For its first ever concert in Cyprus, on Friday 12 May 2017, at The Shoe Factory, Nicosia / 8:30pm, the Tetraktys String Quartet will perform an exciting programme of works by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schnittke and Ginastera.

PROGRAMME:

L.v. Beethoven – "Grosse Fuge", Op.133
Dmitry Shostakovich – String Quartet No.7 in F-sharp minor, Op.108
Alfred Schnittke – String Quartet No.3
Alberto Ginastera – String Quartet No.2, Op.26

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"Inspired by the stars of Tetraktys" - Koelnische Rundschau
"Greeks who generously give away... Magnificent concert by the Tetraktys" - Philharmonia Magazine

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Since its inception, in 2008, the Tetraktys String Quartet has been established as the "new emerging string quartet" and it has appeared in some of the world's most prestigious venues, including, the Carnegie Hall in New York, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Cité de la Musique in Paris, Musikverein Wien, Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels, Stockholm Konserthus, L' Auditori in Barcelona, Philharmonie Cologne, Philharmonie Luxembourg, Elbphilharmonie and Laeiszhalle in Hamburg, and Town Hall & Symphony Hall Birmingham, and in festivals such the Festival International de Quatuors à Cordes du Luberon. In Greece, the Quartet has made frequent appearances at the Megaron – the Athens Concert Hall and the Onassis Cultural Centre, and it was selected in the ECHO Rising Stars series for the period 2011-2012.

The Quartet's tremendously selective and wide-ranging repertoire reveals not only the Tetraktys' profound affection for the classical masterpieces but also their keen interest in more adventurous music pursuits. In their concerts, Mozart often coexists with Ligeti, Haydn with Skalkotas, and Beethoven with Webern. The result is the formation of an inimitable atmosphere out of which emerge the most fascinating and miraculous music encounters.

Graduates of the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Munich, the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, the Geneva Conservatory and the Soai University in Osaka, all four of the quartet members are individually renowned as soloists, who have collaborated with world renowned orchestras under the baton of such conductors as Zubin Mehta, Pierre Boulez and Sir Neville Marriner. **Giorgos Panagiotidis** is a member of Frankfurt's Ensemble Modern, and he used to be Assistant Concertmaster of the Athens Camerata, Orchestra of the Friends of Music. **Kostas Panagiotidis** was Concertmaster of the National Symphony Orchestra of ERT and now he is Principal second violinist in the Greek National Opera Orchestra. Violist **Megumi Kasakawa** is a member of Ensemble Modern and cellist **Dimitris Travlos** is a member of the Athens State Orchestra.

The Quartet is named after the sacred Tetraktys – the groundwork of Pythagoras' teaching, wherein he first mentions the existence of harmonic intervals in music through the theory of the "sacred decad" (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10).

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