



Sacconi Quartet String Quartet

"An exceptional ensemble...a unanimous sense of musical breath and a meticulous attention to detail." Musical Opinion

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Cara Berridge *cello*

The Sacconi Quartet are recognised for their unanimous and compelling ensemble, consistently communicating with a fresh and imaginative approach. Formed in 2001, they continue to demonstrate a shared passion for string quartet repertoire, infectiously reaching out to audiences with their energy and enthusiasm.

The 2019-20 season sees the quartet make their debuts in Russia (with Peter Donohoe), Mexico (with Freddy Kempf) and Lebanon, as well as performing in Italy with Angela Hewitt, returning to Wigmore Hall for three concerts, and performing at venues and festivals around the UK, including Wigmore Hall, The Apex, Swaledale Festival, Canterbury Festival, Lakeside Chamber Music and Nailsworth Festival.

The name Sacconi Quartet comes from the twentieth century Italian luthier and restorer Simone Sacconi, whose book *The Secrets of Stradivari* is an indispensable reference for violin makers. Robin is indebted to Ellen Solomon for the use of his viola. Ben, Hannah & Cara have all been generously loaned their instruments by the Royal Society of Musicians.

The Sacconi Quartet celebrates its 20th Anniversary in the 2021-22 season.

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