

Ruisi Quartet Biography January 2017

Violin I - Alessandro Ruisi
Violin II - Oliver Cave
Viola - Luba Tunnicliffe
Cello - Max Ruisi

Winners of the Royal Philharmonic Society award for Young British String Players and YCAT Finalists, the Ruisi Quartet has quickly established a reputation as one of the leading British quartets of its generation, delivering performances that are “strikingly immediate, committed and direct” (Chichester Observer, 2014). Founded in 2012 by brothers Alessandro and Max, the quartet perform regularly throughout the UK and Europe, including leading venues such as the Wigmore Hall, Royal Albert Hall and Kings Place, and for 2014/15 were in residence at the Royal College of Music in London.

For the 2013/14 season the group were selected for the prestigious ‘ChamberStudio’ Mentorship programme at Kings Place, London. This allowed the quartet to work closely with mentor Simon Rowland-Jones, whilst also receiving masterclasses from some of the world’s most eminent chamber musicians. Most recently, the group have been lucky enough to work with Gábor Takács, Anthony Marwood, Levon Chilingirian, Pavel Fischer, James Boyd and Peter Cropper. They were also awarded a scholarship to attend the 2015 IMS Prussia Cove Masterclasses, where they had the great fortune to work with Ferenc Rados and Rita Wagner. In January 2016 the group were Quartet in Residence at the Wye Valley Chamber Music Festival, and in 2016 were selected as Tunnell Trust Award winners.

Recent highlights have included a tour in 2015 of Portugal and the Canary islands with the Kirker Music Festival at Sea, a live performance on BBC Radio 3 (March 2016) and the use of the Vuillaume 'Evangelist' instruments that were recently on short-term loan to the quartet. For 2017 they have been selected as CPG Young Artists and look forward to performances at Kettle's Yard, Cambridge and a tour of Scotland. The quartet are grateful for the long-term loan of a specially made set of matching instruments by Harris & Sheldon of London.