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VALO QUARTET

Launched at the beginning of this season, the Valo Quartet was created out of a mutual desire to delve more profoundly into the string quartet repertoire. The members (originally from Poland, the UK and Finland) have come together and often collaborated in various formations at festivals and series across Europe, such as Festival Resonances in Belgium. A shared spirit of spontaneity became the perfect starting point to develop a sense of enduring growth, the guiding light (Valo - 'light' in Finnish) being the union of meaningful exploration of the score and trust in the individual player's musical instincts.

Maria Włoszczowska

Polish violinist Maria Włoszczowska is recognised for her versatile musicianship, performing as soloist, director/concertmaster, and chamber musician. She appears regularly at the Wigmore Hall and began the 2022/23 season with her solo debut at the BBC Proms with the Royal Northern Sinfonia whom she leads and directs in a number of programmes.

Tim Crawford

Currently a violinist of the Esbjerg Ensemble in Denmark, Tim Crawford also plays with the Teyber Trio, a string trio he formed with Timothy Ridout and Tim Posner. He's in demand as a chamber musician across Europe and regularly appears at international festivals in the UK and Switzerland.

Lilli Maijala

Based in Amsterdam, violist Lilli Maijala's diverse chamber music activities take her around the world. She is also a professor of viola at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki and regularly appears as soloist with orchestras in her home country of Finland.

Amy Norrington

Cellist Amy Norrington enjoys a varied career as soloist, chamber musician, teacher and Artistic Director of the International Chamber Music Festival Resonances where she brings together musicians of the highest calibre.

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