**ENSEMBLE MENDELSSOHN / EN**

*Daniel Rubenstein, violin - Sophie Ackermann, violin*

*Vincent Hepp, viola - Clément Holvoet, viola*

*Johannes Burghoff, cello - Catherine Lebrun, cello*

Founded in 2002, the Ensemble Mendelssohn is composed of musicians who distinguised themselves as Prize Winners of National and International competitions, each of them having finished their studies with the highest Honors in renowned institutions such as the Queen-Elisabeth Music Chapel (Belgium), the Buchmann-Mehta Music School (Tel-Aviv) or the Indiana University (Bloomington-USA).

The Ensemble Mendelssohn's repertoire centres around the string quintet and sextet literature with or without piano, collaborating with guests musicians in an extended repertoire. Besides famous works of the repertoire, the Ensemble Mendelssohn also performs works rarely played and is collaborating with nowadays composers in order to promote these forms of chamber music in today's music.

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In the past seasons, the Ensemble Mendelssohn performed among others in Japan in important Venues such as Kobe Uhara Hall, Nara Akishino Ongakudo Hall, Tokyo Nippori Sunny Hall, Yokohama Lilis Hall, as well as in Turkey (Istanbul Kadıköy Süreyya Series, Izmir Adnan Saygun), Cyprus, as well as in Belgium (Festival de l'Eté Mosan, Festival Loop, Concerts de Midi de Liège etc.).

Collaborations with nowadays composers led to the creations of piano quintets by Jean-Pierre Deleuze, Stéphane Orlando, Ola Gjeilo, Hajime Fukagawa's quartet for 2 violins, cello and piano, Guillaume Auvray string quintet for 2 cellos and electronics, Anna Segal quintet for clarinet and strings among others.

The Ensemble Mendelssohn released a CD (Label Contréclisse) dedicated to Tchaïkovsky's Souvenir of Florence, Dvorak's first Piano Quintet and Lysight 3 Croquis for string quintet (Premiere recording), an album dedicated to the music of Israeli composer Ana Segal (Label Harp&Co), and with clarinet player Aysegül Kirmanoglu, works for clarinet and strings by Mozart (Label Le Chant de Lios) to be released in 2019.

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