



Melbourne Recital Centre
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

Program 1
Tue 13 October at 7pm

Program 2
Sat 17 October at 7pm

2 hr 20 mins incl. interval
Premium \$118 / \$102
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Musica Viva in association with Melbourne Festival presents

MODIGLIANI QUARTET

Part of the Haydn For Everyone Program

Violin Philippe Bernhard
Violin Loïc Rio
Viola Laurent Marfaing
Cello François Kieffer

As part of Melbourne Festival's three-year *Haydn for Everyone* program celebrating Franz Joseph Haydn and the musical form he pioneered: the string quartet, the **Modigliani Quartet** performs over two nights at Melbourne Recital Centre.

Since their first Australian tour (with clarinettist Sabine Meyer), the Modigliani Quartet have gone from strength to strength, and now look well-placed to assume the mantle of the top French quartet of their generation. Elegant and masculine, the crisp articulation and rich timbres of this acclaimed ensemble are a perfect match for masterpieces which demand both strength and clarity.

Haydn's quartets bring a natural lightness with their clear, Classical straightforwardness, paving the way for more powerful explorations from Beethoven and Schubert. The Hungarian Dohnányi found his distinctive voice in his Quartet no 3, straddling the 19th and 20th centuries and moving engagingly between the folk inspirations of his homeland and the excitement of new artistic freedom. Nigel Westlake's second quartet takes the journey another step forward, to a shining world filled with glittering textures, evocative melodic lines and exhilarating rhythms.

'A human adventure with friends' is how cellist François Kieffer describes life in a string quartet; which can only truly exist when there is an audience to participate in the same wonderful, ephemeral quest.

Program 1 - Tue 13 Oct at 7pm (Graeme Watson Tribute Concert)

Haydn String quartet no 44 Op 54 No 3
Westlake String quartet No 2
Schubert String quartet No 12 Quartettsatz
Dohnányi String quartet No 3 Op 33

Program 2 - Sat 17 Oct at 7pm

Haydn String quartet No 36 Op 50 No 1
Schubert String quartet No 10 Op 125
Westlake String quartet No 2

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Beethoven String quartet No 11 Op 95 Serioso

The **Modigliani Quartet** is part of Melbourne Festival's *Haydn for Everyone* program. In 2013, the Festival embarked on a remarkable three-year mission: a quest to perform and celebrate all 68 of the quartets composed by Franz Joseph Haydn—the man who invented the string quartet and had an unmistakable impact on the evolution of contemporary music.

In 2015, the Festival presents the stunning conclusion to the much celebrated program, with the most ambitious and wide-ranging series yet.

Connected event:

HAYDN UNPICKED WITH THE MODIGLIANI QUARTET – Sat 17 Oct at 11am

Australian Tapestry Workshop

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