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Melos Quartet Stuttgart

Wilhelm Melcher, Violin
Gerhard Voss, Violin
Hermann Voss, Viola
Peter Buck, Violoncello

PROGRAM

Quartet in G Major, KV 387.....Mozart

Allegro vivace assai
Menuetto. Allegro
Andante cantabile
Molto Allegro

Quartet No. 3, Op. 22.....Hindemith

Fugato. Sehr langsame Viertel
Schnelle Achtel. Sehr energisch
Ruhige Viertel. Stets fliessend
Massig schnelle Viertel
Rondo. Gemächlich und mit Grazie

INTERMISSION

Quartet in C Minor, Op. 51, No. 1.....Brahms

Allegro
Romanze. Poco Adagio
Allegretto molto moderato e comodo-Un poco
più animato
Allegro

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MELOS QUARTET

The Melos Quartet from Stuttgart first appeared on our Friends of Chamber Music series in Stockton in November 1973, and we have eagerly awaited the group's return engagement here.

The Melos Quartet was formed in 1965. Members of the German group are Wilhelm Melcher and Gerhard Voss, violinists, Hermann Voss, Violist, and cellist Peter Buck. Each man was a soloist and chamber musician of renown in Germany, and each was a principal with the Stuttgart or Wuerttemberg Chamber Orchestras. But each willingly gave up his other duties to devote full attention to the growth of the Melos Quartet.

Shortly after its formation, the Melos rapidly garnered top awards at the major competitions. Among these awards were "best quartet" at the "Concours International d'executive musicale Geneve;" and winner at the international "Villa-Lobos String Quartet Contest" in Rio de Janeiro. So great was their competence that one year after their formation, they were chosen to be Germany's official representative at the World Congress "Jeunesse Musicales" in Paris in 1966.

The group has performed in many countries throughout the world.

The Melos Quartet was selected to present a concert in memory of Beethoven's 200th birthday at the Beethoven house in Bonn.

The group has recorded all of the Beethoven String Quartets for Deutsche Grammophon Gesellschaft and has also recorded works by Bartok, Kodaly, Boccherini and Weiner.