

Long Theatre – Sunday 4 P.M. – November 6, 1977

FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC
in cooperation with
SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE
and
UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
present the

BULGARIAN QUARTET

Dimo Dimov, Violin
Alexander Tomov, Violin
Dimitar Chilikov, Viola
Dimitar Kozev, Cello

Quartet-Satz, in C minor, Op. Posth...Franz Schubert

Allegro Assai

Quartet 2, Op. 17.....Bela Bartok

Moderato
Allegro Molto Capriccioso
Lento

Intermission

Quartet No. 13 in B Flat Major, Op. 130.....
.....Ludwig van Beethoven

Adagio ma non troppo - Allegro
Presto
Andante con moto, ma non troppo
Alla danza tedesca. Allegro assai
Cavatina. Adagio molto espressivo
Finale - Allegro

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The members of the Bulgarian Quartet are young in age, but not in experience. In 1956, while all of the players were students together at the Conservatory of Sofia, they formed the quartet under the leadership of Dimo Dimov and are in the enviable position of having twenty years' experience as an ensemble to their credit although they are still in their thirties.

The Quartet has won many honors, among them the Gold Medal at the International Youth Festival in Bulgaria in 1960; a prize and diploma at the Robert Schumann contest in Berlin in 1961; second prize at the international Leo Weiner competition in Budapest in 1963; and first prize at the 14th international contest of the West German Radio Stations.

Their international concert activities began in 1963, and a grateful Bulgarian Government, quick to recognize their artistic merits, awarded them the title of Official State Quartet in 1964.

The Bulgarian Quartet has made over thirty recordings in France for Harmonia Mudi, including all of the Mozart and Beethoven quartets, an enormous amount of contemporary music, and an 8-record anthology called "History of the Quartet" which includes 19 quartets from Boccherini to Webern. They also record on the Balkanton (Bulgarian) label.

All the members of the Quartet are married, make their homes in Sofia, and teach at the Conservatory of Sofia.

Dimo Dimov, violinist and founder of the Quartet, was born in 1938 at Stara Zagora, and studied at the Conservatory of Sofia under Professor Boyan Letchev. He has given numerous concerts and recitals as a soloist in addition to his appearances with the Quartet. Along with the other members of the Quartet, he has been named "Artist of the State" by the Bulgarian Government.

Alexander Tomov, violinist, was born in 1938 at Smolyan. He began his study of the violin at the School of Music in Sofia, continuing later at the Conservatory of Sofia under Professor Boyan Letchev. His recital and chamber music career began in 1955.

Dimiter Chilikov, violinist, was born in 1937 at Bourgas. After initial studies of the violin in his native village, he continued at the Conservatory of Sofia under Professor Neinski. In addition to his concerts with the Bulgarian Quartet, he appears with the Symphony Orchestra of Radio and Television Bulgaria and with the Philharmonic of Sofia.

Dimiter Kozev, cellist, was born in 1938 in Sofia. He graduated with honors from the Conservatory of Sofia in 1961. He served as assistant to Professor Popov at the Conservatory and has been active in chamber music groups since 1955.