

# sonic.art

SAXOPHONQUARTETT



## Biography

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"One can imagine how happy a composer is, when their work, their dream, is so perfectly carried out." Sofia Gubaidulina, 31.01.2017

"It was sheer pleasure, ... One can go half a year without experiencing so many immaculate moments as in these two hours."  
Süddeutsche Zeitung, 28.01.2019

The sonic.art saxophone quartet is a chamber music ensemble with an international flair. The current members live in Berlin and hail from Belarus, Australia, Japan and Germany and have studied in Berlin, Paris, Lyon, Amsterdam and Vienna.

Sonic.art was founded in 2005 and has since then made a name for itself in various line-ups thanks to prestigious prizes and awards at national and international competitions. Included among these are the award of 1st prize and the Grand Prix of the International Chamber Music Competition for New Music in Cracow, the Prize of the Deutscher Musikwettbewerb and the Bergamo Classical Music Award.

To follow came tours and masterclasses throughout Europe, as well as every other continent. Performances at renowned festivals have included Warsaw Autumn, Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schleswig-Holstein Festival, Kurt Weill Festival, Festival of Mexico, Festival Symphonique Algiers and the Curitiba Jazz Meeting.

sonic.art has performed concertos for saxophone quartet and orchestra with the Staatskapelle Weimar, Nürnberger Symphoniker and Sinfonieorchester Aachen. In 2023 the quartet will perform the world premiere of a new concerto by Elean Firsova with the Bruckner Orchestra Linz.

A project of note is sonic.art's musical accompaniment to Walter Ruttmann's legendary silent documentary film from 1927 'Berlin - Sinfonie der Großstadt' ('Berlin - Symphony of a metropolis'). This film concert has been performed by the quartet on tour in Australia, at the Musikfestspiele Saar and of course in Berlin.

The ensemble's critically acclaimed performances in 2018 celebrated Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday, everywhere from Hamburg to the Mosel music festival.

The quartet were recently artists in residence at the Canberra International Music Festival (Australia) and performances at the Grafenegg Festival (Austria), MDR Musiksommer, Europäische Wochen Festival in Passau and a WDR3 Funkhauskonzert for the West German Radio in Cologne. Other highlights include performances for the chamber music society Hanover, at the Staatstheater Darmstadt, Theater Schweinfurt and together with the WDR Choir.

Sonic.art has found a style to call its own. The careful and sensitive selection of projects, concert programmes and collaborators as well as the stage presence, charm and an eye for subtlety have gained the four saxophonists of sonic.art a reputation as a high-flying ensemble.

The core of the repertoire contains the rich original literature of the recent past, as well as arrangements of well-known works from the baroque, classical and romantic periods. The ensemble has also collaborated with new music composers and commissioned new works. sonic.art has recently worked on new concert forms and projects with the support of funding from Musikfonds and the Deutscher Musikrat as part of the German Neustart Kultur programme.

Two CDs have recently been released on the Label MDG: 'Astor Piazzolla: Tango' (2022) pays tribute to the famous composer/performer with new arrangements of some of his most memorable works. The latest release 'Early 20th Century Music' (2023) includes new arrangements of music by Max Butting, Hans Gal, Hanns Eisler and others. A selection of the repertoire, including works by Ligeti, Glass, Shostakovich, Glazunov and Gubaidulina have been released on three CDs with the label GENUIN classics, in collaboration with the German national radio station Deutschlandfunk. The recordings feature collaborations with the trombonist Christian Lindberg, soprano Evelina Dobračeva and accordionist Valentin Butt.

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