

**Prism of musical repertoires, multiplicity of approach, kaleidoscope of personalities – these many facets combine to make up the unique character of the *Terpsycordes Quartet*, at once singular and plural. The formation has won distinction at many international competitions, including a First Prize in Geneva in 2001, and has succeeded in radiating its quadruple talent – a magical blend of homogeneity and complementarity, innovation and audacity of interpretation. The muse *Terpsichore* is their constant inspiration – music’s daughter linking gesture and spirit. *Terre* (earth), *psy* (spirit), *cordes* (strings).**

**Founded in 1997** in Geneva, the *Terpsycordes Quartet* was trained by Gábor Takács-Nagy and subsequently coached by members of the Budapest, Hagen, Lasalle and Mosaïque Quartets. Drawing vitality from their contrasting origins (Italy, Bulgaria and Switzerland) the musicians offer dazzling performances to audiences of major concert halls such as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Salle Gaveau in Paris, the Tonhalle in Zurich, and the Victoria Hall in Geneva.

**The coming season 2021-22** will witness **the Quartet’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** To mark this event, various activities are foreseen. Moreover, the Quartet will continue its performance of the complete series of Haydn’s quartets, in partnership with Geneva’s Musée d’art et d’histoire. It is also engaged in articulating a project based on the musical fable “4 boxes for 1 voyage” and is working with several Genevan composers in participating in the creation of contemporary works. Finally, the *Terpsycordes* plan to record quartets by Debussy and Ravel on period instruments,



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as well as Frank Martin’s quartet and quintet with piano.

Both on stage and in the recording studio, the *Terpsycordes* assert their eclecticism. **Their recordings**, all acclaimed by the specialized press, reflect a determination to penetrate the very essence of each piece they play, combining rigor and imagination: Schubert, Beethoven and Haydn revealed with period instruments (Ricercar and Ambronay), Schumann’s quartets (Claves), Vierne’s *Quintet with piano* (Brilliant Classics) ; not to mention modern and contemporary works by Swiss composers (Bloch and Gerber by VDE Gallo, and Zanon by Claves), as well as incursions into the worlds of tango (Piazzolla with William Sabatier) and of jazz (with Maël Godinat Trionyx).

Through its commitment to young audiences, the *Terpsycordes* participate each year in **educational programmes**.

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# Short version

## *Quatuor Terpsycordes*

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Any change to this biography should be submitted to the impresario of the *Terpsycordes Quartet* ([diffusion@terpsycordes.com](mailto:diffusion@terpsycordes.com)).



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