

# CZECH FANTASY

Thursday 25 October 7pm  
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

## PRESENTED BY

Melbourne Recital Centre & Orava Quartet

## ARTISTS

Orava Quartet

Daniel Kowalik violin

David Dalseno violin

Thomas Chawner viola

Karol Stefan Kowalik cello



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## PROGRAM

JOSEPH HAYDN (1732-1809)

String Quartet G, Op.77, No.1, 'Lobkowitz'

I *Allegro moderato*

II *Adagio*

III Menuetto: *Presto*

IV Finale: *Presto*

ERWIN SCHULHOFF (1894-1942)

5 Pieces for String Quartet

Piece 1: Viennese Waltz

Piece 2: Serenade

Piece 3: Czech folk music

Piece 4: Tango

Piece 5: Tarantella

## INTERVAL

CLAUDE DEBUSSY (1862-1918)

Quartet in G minor, Op.10

I *Animé et très décidé*

II *Assez vif et bien rythmé*

III *Andantino, doucement expressif*

IV *Très modéré - En animant peu à peu - Très mouvementé et avec passion*

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

The first Australian ensemble to be selected by Deutsche Grammophon Australia for its historic, inaugural recording release, **Orava Quartet** has performed throughout North America, the U.A.E., and Asia, earning a reputation and devoted following for their genuinely thrilling performances. Formed in 2007, the Quartet - brothers Daniel and Karol Kowalik (violin and cello), violinist David Dalseno and violist Thomas Chawner - brings its unique sound and breathtaking intensity to the classics of the string quartet canon.

Mentored at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music by Uzi Wiesel, Janet Davies and Ole Böhn, and studying with members of the Jerusalem, Emerson, Julliard, Brentano and Goldner String Quartets, in 2011 the Oravas were chosen by the world-renowned Takács Quartet to work as Graduate Quartet-in-Residence with them in the U.S.A. for two years. They then went on to win top prizes at the 2013 Asia Pacific Chamber Music Competition and hold residencies at Canada's Banff Arts Centre and Australia's Bundanon Trust. Since returning home, the Quartet has performed at venues and festivals such as the Australian Festival of Chamber Music, Sydney Opera House's Utzon Music Series, VIVID Sydney (with Sufjan Stevens), BBC Proms (Melbourne), New Zealand, Melbourne, Canberra, Bangalow and Queensland Music Festivals, and Musica Viva.

Based in Brisbane, Orava Quartet is proud to be Camerata's 2019 Artist-in-Residence. Performances next year include Melbourne Recital Centre, City Recital Hall Angel Place, Art Gallery of NSW, the Joan (Penrith), UKARIA (Adelaide), Tasmanian Chamber Music Festival and more.

'Within the next decade, the Orava Quartet will surely take its place as one of the most accomplished string quartets on the planet ... as well as becoming one of Australia's proudest cultural exports.' *The Australian* (2018)

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