

ENG Karski Quartet

Karski Quartet is a dynamic ensemble that blends passion, courage, and deep artistic sensitivity. Known for their energetic and emotionally rich interpretations, they create a powerful bond with audiences, captivating both classical music connoisseurs and a new generation of listeners. Their warm sound, expressive intensity, and relentless pursuit of excellence have earned them international recognition.

Formed in 2018 in Brussels, the quartet's members met while studying at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels. A key figure in their artistic journey was Philippe Graffin, whose inspiring musical vision and openness to dialogue led to their collaboration in Traces Festival.

Throughout the years they have refined their craft through prestigious programs such as Music Chapel Queen Elizabeth, String Quartet Biennale Amsterdam, String Quartet Studio, and ECMaster at the Royal Northern College of Music. Their development has been enriched by working with members of world-renowned string quartets, including Artemis, Ysaÿe, Belcea, Ébène, Jerusalem, Elias, Talich, Chilingirian, and Casals.

The quartet quickly gained recognition, winning the Grand Prix at the Triomphe de l'Art competition (2018). In 2022, they were among ten ensembles selected for the Banff International String Quartet Competition, where they were awarded the Christine and David Anderson Career Development Prize.

Their debut album, featuring Boccherini's string quintets recorded with Raphaël Feye for Evil Penguin (2023), was met with international acclaim and nominated for the longlist of Preis Der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik. Their next album, set for release in autumn 2025, will be dedicated to Grażyna Bacewicz, featuring her Fourth String Quartet and Piano Quintet, recorded with pianist Jâms Coleman.

The quartet takes its name from Jan Karski, the legendary Polish WW2 resistance fighter. His unwavering courage continues to inspire the musicians, not only in their artistic pursuits but in their daily lives. In a world full of challenges, Karski Quartet stands for connection, authenticity, and fearless musical storytelling, bridging tradition and modernity, music and emotion, artists and audiences across the globe.