## Wigmore Soloists

## Info Sheet | September 2023

Isabelle van Keulen | violin Michael Collins | clarinet and cast according to the repertoire

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This is the first time an ensemble has been given this honor - the Wigmore Soloists are named after one of the world's most famous concert halls, and for good reason!

With a large core line up of string quintet, wind quintet and piano, the group performs a wide and varied repertoire and is dedicated to revitalising great works at the highest level.





...this was a delightful performance. The Adagio was correspondingly spacious, with clarinettist Michael Collins graceful in the opening melody, and cellist Kristina Blaumane elegant when her turn came. Van Keulen gave a fluent and shapely account of the variation theme in the Andante, and later dispatched her demisemiquaver commentaries with finesse, lightly dancing into the stratosphere.

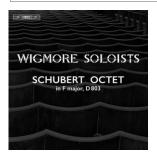
Colin's Column | London Wigmore Hall | Colin Anderson | January 8, 2021

The re-imagination of the wind parts and their role brought new opportunities to the internal balance of the work, eminently utilised by the ensemble. The sense of ensemble playing was strong...

The Strad | London Wigmore Hall | Tim Homfray | March 23, 2021

For a delightful sixty-five minutes – balm to the ears and stimulation to the senses – this debut recital by Wigmore Soloists brought Schubert's six-movement Octet (D803) to the World.

Bachtrack | London Wigmore Hall | Zoltán Szabó | January 11, 2021



Wigmore Soloists is a new chamber ensemble comprising a roster of outstanding musicians, led by Isabelle van Keulen and Michael Collins, and created with Wigmore Hall's Director, John Gilhooly.

This new and innovative ensemble performs repertoire both old and new, and commissions leading composers to expand upon the extensive catalogue of chamber music works.

Regularly heard at the Wigmore Hall and other major concert halls around the world, the ensemble has recorded two discs so far: Schubert's Octet (with (u.a. mit Kristina Blaumane, Alberto Menéndez Escribano, Tim Gibbs, Benjamin Gilmore, Robin O'Neill and Timothy Ridout) and the Mozart Clarinet Quintet on BIS Records. In the 2023/24 season, the Wigmore Soloists will perform several more concerts at the Wigmore Hall.

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