

Info Sheet | February 2024

Rafael Adobas Bayog | flute
Maria Alba Carmona Tobella | oboe
Miquel Ramos Salvadó | clarinet
Antonio Lagares Abeal | horn
María José García Zamora | bassoon

With its exciting programmes and fiery interpretations, this Spanish wind quintet whisks us on a journey through the European chamber music scene.



If the sonority was one pole of the high quality, the flawless intonation between the different instruments was the other pole that made the evening a celebration of chamber music. The fact that oboist Maria Carmona Tobella scraped together all her knowledge of German between the pieces and tried to convey her exuberant enthusiasm for the music with brief introductions of the works was not only a charming gesture, but was testimony to the flaming passion for her own cause. This is how it should be and not otherwise!

Mittelbayerische Zeitung | Regensburg | Andreas Meixner | November 22, 2022

The unspoken motto for the evening was 'the philosophy of sound'. The Azahar Ensemble are absolute masters of this, its members knowing exactly how to respond to one another with immense freshness and variety.

Süddeutsche Zeitung | Klaus Mohr | October 6, 2019

The intensity of their communication is as much a part of their musical persuasiveness as the impressionist backdrop and the superb skill of each individual, which they blend together with such tonal allure and expressive eloquence. ... 'Azahar' is the name given to the white blossoms of the Spanish citrus tree, and their scent, beauty and poetry resonate in the music-making of this wonderful Spanish quintet.

Tiroler Tageszeitung | Innsbruck | u.st. | May 16, 2019



The prizewinners of the ARD Competition continue to perform throughout Europe (Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Bonn, Zurich and Rotterdam) after appearances in Cologne and the Berlin Philharmonie (debut on Deutschlandradio), Vienna (Musikverein), Baden-Baden, Salzburg, Innsbruck, in the Philharmonie Essen, at the Mozartfest Würzburg and the Rheingau Music Festival. Their debut CD with works by Joaquín Turina received rave reviews from the international press. In 2021, the ensemble premiered a new work by Gija Kancheli.

Together with pianist Rosalia Gomez Lasheras, the ensemble proposes the quintets by Mozart, Reicha and Beethoven.