

## Wigmore Soloists

Info Sheet | March 2024

Isabelle van Keulen | violin
Michael Collins | clarinet
and ensemble members according to repertoire

This is the first time an ensemble has been given this honour - 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.

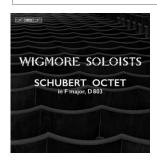
Colin's Column | London Wigmore Hall | Colin Anderson | January 8, 2021

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.

The ensemble has recorded two discs to date: Schubert's Octet (with Kristina Blaumane, Alberto Menéndez Escribano, Tim Gibbs, Benjamin Gilmore, Robin O'Neill and Timothy Ridout) and the Mozart Clarinet Quintet on BIS Records. The Wigmore Soloists produce a concert series with various formations at Wigmore Hall.