

Friday 21st November 2008 at 7.30 pm



Frith Piano Quartet

Programme

Mozart: *Quartet in E flat K493*

Walton: *Quartet*

Schumann: *Quartet in E flat op 47*

The Frith Piano Quartet was formed in 2000 by a group of like-minded musicians who wanted to explore the piano quartet medium. The group is composed of the pianist Benjamin Frith, violinist Robert Heard (co-leader of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra), violist Louise Williams and 'cellist Richard Jenkinson who is also a senior member of the CBSO. Since its formation the group has performed the complete piano quartets of Brahms, Dvorak, Fauré and Mozart but also takes a keen interest in performing gems that are not so often heard in the concert hall by the likes of Frank Bridge, Arthur Bliss and Richard Strauss. The Quartet's activities have included concerts in many venues across the whole country including a special relationship with the CBSO Centre, Birmingham where they have just finished a project playing all three Brahms Piano Quartets. Their programmes include the quartets written by Bliss, Britten, Walton, Bridge and Bax to name but a few British composers.

