

HEROLD QUARTET

Petr Zdvihal - 1st violin
Jan Valta - 2nd violin
Karel Untermüller - viola
David Havelík - violoncello



PETR ZDVIHAL (1973) graduated from the Conservatory in Pardubice (professor Vladimír Kulík) and the musical faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (professor Václav Snítíl). He also took part in the masterclasses of Prof Alberto Lysy in Switzerland. He won the first prize at the international competition "Beethoven's Hradec" and was awarded a prize for the best performance of a composition by Beethoven. As a soloist he has performed with more than fifteen Czech and international orchestras in Czech Republic, Germany and Spain. At present he is a concertmaster of the Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra.



JAN VALTA (1977) is a graduate of the Conservatory in Teplice (professor Jiřina Dlouhá) and of the musical faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (professor Jindřich Pazdera). During his studies he was a prizewinner at a nation-wide competition of chamber music; he is also a prizewinner of the Czech Conservatories Competition. At the age of nineteen he became a member of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra for two seasons. As a soloist he has performed in Austria, Germany, France, Spain and Japan. He teaches violin at the Conservatory in Teplice. From 2006, he is the artistic leader of the Herold Chamber Orchestra. He is also a composer and orchestrator.



KAREL UNTERMÜLLER (1972) graduated from the Conservatory in Prague (professor Jaroslav Ruis) and the musical faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (professor Lubomír Malý). He took a part in chamber music courses held by internationally known musicians - including Norbert Brainin, Sigmund Nissel, Thomas Kakuska. As a soloist he has performed with several Czech orchestras including the Suk Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice and the West-Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. He plays often with the great Czech violinist Josef Suk, including recording three CDs (together with other well known Czech instrumentalists) of chamber music by Dvořák and Suk. Since 2008, he teaches viola at the Conservatory in Teplice.



DAVID HAVELÍK (1972) is a graduate of the Conservatory in Prague (professor Viktor Moučka) and of the musical faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (professor Josef Chuchro). He has won prizes in several international competitions (Concertino Praga, Heran's Cello Competition, Beethoven's Hradec). During his studies he took part in numerous master classes led by famous chamber musicians - including Břetislav Novotný, Norbert Brainin, Hatto Beyerle and Laszlo Mezö. He has performed in many European countries and in Japan and recorded for Czech Radio, Czech Television, WRD, ORF and others. Currently he is a concert master of the Suk Chamber Orchestra.