

# The Dahlkvist Quartet

## (Dahlkvistkvartetten)

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## Biography

Bartosz Cajler / Kersti Dahlkvist, violins

Jon Dahlkvist, viola / Hanna Dahlkvist, cello

The Dahlkvist String Quartet was formed in 2007 and has established itself at an international level and as one of the most sought after chamber music groups in Sweden. Nominated "Rising Star" 2012-2013 by Stockholm Concert Hall, the Dahlkvist Quartet performed a concert tour across Europe organised by ECHO (European Concert Hall Organisation) in distinguished concert halls, such as Wien Konzerthaus, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Paris Cité de la Musique and Budapest Palace of Arts. In 2009 the quartet's career took off by winning the Swedish competition "Ung&Lovande" (Young & Promising), the award being a prestigious concert tour around Sweden with 18 concerts. The quartet made its debut at the Stockholm Concert Hall in January 2011 with a highly acclaimed performance of Steve Reich's "Triple Quartet". This has resulted in many invites to the Concert Hall's regular String Quartet Series, next time will be in 2017. In the spring 2015 the quartet was part of the world premiere of the highly acclaimed ballet success *Midsummer Nights Dream* at the Royal Stockholm Opera House.

The Dahlkvist Quartet is made up of the Warsaw-born violinist Bartosz Cajler and Stockholm-born Dahlkvist siblings, Kersti (violin), Jon (viola) and Hanna (cello). All of the quartet members studied at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm as well as individually in France, Italy, Poland and the Netherlands. **Bartosz Cajler**, first violin, is currently active as a soloist in Sweden and Poland, and also teaches the violin at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm and at Mälardalen University in Västerås. **Kersti Dahlkvist** has completed her Master's degree in Stockholm and studied in Florence and Vienna with Pavel Vernikov. **Jon Dahlkvist** (viola) has studied in Italy and Holland besides Stockholm and is currently teacher in chamber music and viola at Ingesund University College of Music in Arvika. Cellist **Hanna Dahlkvist** has studied in Stockholm and Paris. Swedish Radio P2 voted Hanna "Artist in Residence" 2011-2013 and in this capacity she has appeared as soloist with the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra. She is since 2015 a member of Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Dahlkvist Quartet's repertoire combines the traditional old master works and contemporary repertoire, with a particular focus on Swedish, Nordic and Polish composers. The Quartet has participated in several European chamber music festivals, for example in Båstad Chamber Music Festival (2015), the great Beethoven Festival in Krakow, Poland (2014) and at Grankulla Festival in Finland (2013). In 2009 the *Royal Swedish Academy of Music* awarded the Dahlkvist Quartet their Grand Ensemble Scholarship. The season 2013-2014 The Dahlkvist Quartet pursued a coaching scheme in close connection with the Belcea Quartet from London.