



Quarteto Nuevo merges western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and jazz with an organic feel that packs a wallop! Their diverse programs can be tailored to fit anywhere, from an intimate chamber music venue to a large outdoor festival. The ensemble's razor-sharp precision is enhanced by jazzy interludes, lightly rumbling percussion motifs and mesmerizing rhythms. They

effectively meld the music of ancient worlds and faraway places with a contemporary groove that enchants audiences of all ages!

Winners of the Beverly Hills National Auditions, Quarteto's master musicians create emotionally-charged soundscapes with instruments and sensibilities that represent very different world cultures. Their unique instrumentation – soprano saxophone/alto flute (Damon Zick), cello (Jacob Szekely), guitar (Kenton Youngstrom) and hand percussion (Felipe Fraga) – richly colors their wide-ranging repertoire, from Heitor Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras" and Chick Corea's "Children's Song No. 6" to Traditional Macedonian "Gadjarsko" and original works "Hector, Desmond and Titus", "Rain Song" and "Dizer O Que".

Quarteto Nuevo Presenter Quotes:

"WOW, I can't say enough good things about Quarteto Nuevo. They blew everyone's socks off – and received a standing ovation. They were also some of the nicest people I had the chance to work with."

- Erin Dorn, M.A., Adult Education and Art Access Coordinator – Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento

"They were simply marvelous! I really loved them and so did the audience!"

- Tracey Mason, General Manager – ASU Kerr Performing Arts Center

"Quarteto Nuevo's recent performance at Alberta Bair Theater grabbed the audience from the first note and gained momentum with each piece performed... and then we got to Jazz Road Suite. Wow. Vivid imagery was painted by each instrument. Our wide-open spaces of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana could be felt between the notes. The majesty of our mountain ranges and whispering of our grasslands heard throughout. Bravo, Quarteto Nuevo, for composing such spot-on individual homages for each state! What a great way to maximize the intent of

the South Arts Jazz Road Tours grants!"

- Jody Grant, Programming & Marketing Director – Alberta Bair Theater, Billings, Montana

"On September 24th Mission Valley Live had the honor of presenting the superb artistry of Quarteto Nuevo at the Ronan Performing Arts Center. What a profound musical experience! Quarteto Nuevo's unique fusion of jazz, chamber and world music works brilliantly! Our audience truly appreciated the virtuosity demonstrated by each musician! The concert concluded with an enthusiastic standing ovation! Kudos to Quarteto Nuevo!"

-Trish Rodrique, Administrator – Mission Valley Live

"You were a smash hit! Our audience was astonished at your individual virtuosity and amazing blend of such diverse instruments."

- Marilyn Sanguinet, Artistic Director – Village Concerts

"Your concert for Hemet Community Concert Association was just wonderful, and we were very pleased with how well it went. It was a bit risky to start with a program that was, for us, rather unusual – but, everyone left happy! We had lots of positive remarks, and the brisk CD sales are a good indication that they liked your music. As you could tell, we had a "full house", and we all enjoyed your unique music, as well as your interesting commentary. I will tell you that I am often suspicious of "fusion" groups, because they seem to be frequent hiding places for mediocre musicians, which is definitely not the case with QN4! Having heard you before, I knew that your selections and performances would be first-rate, which is what I always seek for HCCA, regardless of genre. So, thank you very much for starting our 44th season in such a brilliant manner! Best to you all and thank you again for your beautiful, interesting and entertaining concert!"

- Diane Mitchell, Artistic Director – Hemet Community Concert Association

"It was our pleasure to welcome you four superb artists to the Windmill Library."

- Tony Allen, Windmill Library Soundscapes - Las Vegas, NV

"We loved closing the season with a full crowd that all loved the performance."

- Patty Acuna, Music in the Mansion - Beverly Hills, CA

“Last Friday’s concert in Encinitas was outstanding and a great finale to our season of performances. The full house really enjoyed your program. I have gotten loads of comments from those who attended — they loved it!”

- Jim Gilliam, Music by the Sea – Encinitas, CA

“What a concert! Each of you gave a superb performance! I was amazed and elated.”

- Brian Thompson, Program Chair – Bishop Community Concerts

“Quarteto Nuevo was great! Workshop and performance both. Our audience loved them – gave them a standing ovation, which is the first time that has ever occurred here!”

- Gayle Berry, Executive Director – Historic Willcox Theater

“An absolute revelation for our students and teachers. It's incredible to have world class musicians and educators who can teach and cover every type of instrument and style of music. The teachers and students all learned something important, and we’ve had more positive comments than I can remember. Thank you for including us in your tour, and we look forward to having you back soon!”

- Julie Blakeslee, Education Manager – Alberta Bair Theatre – Billings, Montana

“The show was nothing short of phenomenal, the type of thing you just don't see almost ever. The music was excellent, the band members pleasant and generous and very well learned in the variety of styles they showcased. Anyone who can see them should, and anyone who has seen them will come back again at the first opportunity. I know I will.”

- John Decker, Montana State University Billings Student/Workshop Participant/Concertgoer

“They are some of the most talented musicians I've ever come across.”

-Scott Billadeau, The Stave and Hoop – Missoula, MT

“I LOVED your performance and the fusion of music from many countries and cultures with jazz and classical music was beyond fantastic. I would be thrilled if you would say YES to an invitation to return next year. Thank you for a beautiful night of music.”

- Susan Davis, Director of Special Events and Member Services – Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts