

The **Rucner String Quartet** was founded by Snježana and Dragan Rucner in 1998. The quartet continues to nurture the Zagreb chamber music tradition through their performances of both classical and contemporary repertoire written by the renowned international and Croatian composers. They have recently reached out towards the music of non-conventional genres and initiated a successful collaboration with the American bandoneon player Peter Soave with whom they have recorded the CDs *Tango Moods* and *Five Tango Sensations* featuring the arranged works by Astor Piazzolla.

The Rucner Quartet has given numerous concerts in Zagreb and throughout Croatia, performed at renowned festivals such as The Music Biennale Zagreb, the Dubrovnik Summer Festival and toured Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Egypt, Poland, Germany and China. Many Croatian composers have written works for the Rucner String Quartet who promote them at their performances (B. Šipuš, T. Uhlík, S. Horvat, A. Klobučar, S. Bradić, A. Kezić, M. Prohaska, A. T. Šaban). Quartet Rucner Won the award "Milka Trnina" given by HDGU (The Croatian Association of Musical Artists) and the annual award "Vatroslav Lisinski" given by HDS (The Croatian Association of Composers).

