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Janoska Ensemble Embarks on First US Tour and Debut CD

The Janoska Ensemble has created an unmistakably unique style. Performing together since childhood, the four musicians are sixth generation classically trained family members with a sound that Andreas Großbauer, chairman of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, describes as "made up of great virtuosity, a literally inexhaustible wealth of musical ideas and bewitchingly mellow sonorities.... A true feast for the ears!"

Founded in 2013, the ensemble has quickly become a force in the music world with its profoundly personal vision that explores a vast range of works, from the classical repertoire to original compositions and completely idiosyncratic arrangements informed by jazz, pop and world music.

In March, the acclaimed ensemble embarks on its first U.S. multi-city tour with stops in New York, Miami and San Antonio, among other locales. They will perform a program based on their debut album "Janoska Style," being released in the U.S. on March 10 by Deutsche Grammophon.

As soloists and performers with numerous orchestras and ensembles, they have amassed impressive resumes, appearing with the likes of the Vienna State Opera Orchestra/Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna Art Orchestra, Anna Netrebko, the Roby Lakatos Ensemble, Michel Camilo, Julian Rachlin, and B.B. King, to name but a few.

Sample performance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkv_P0YH9R8

Website: http://janoskaensemble.com/?lang=en

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