

## "Bohemian Rhapsody III – The Return to Bohemia"

Josef Suk  
(1874 - 1935) Ballade op.3a for cello and piano

Bedřich Smetana  
(1824 - 1884) Polka for solo piano

Gustav Mahler  
(1860 - 1911) Piano Quartet Mvt. in a minor

– INTERMISSION –

Leoš Janáček  
(1854 - 1928) Romance for violin and piano

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904) Piano Quartet in E flat major Op. 87



Ian Mardon	Violin
Julia Mensching	Viola
Rolf Herbrechtsmeyer	Cello
Yuko Hirose	Piano

For the 150th Birthday (2010) of Gustav Mahler and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death (2011), the Hamburg Chamber Players bring their cycle of Bohemian chamber music to a close. The ensemble began as a trio in their search for the heart of Bohemian chamber music. (*Bohemian Rhapsody*) After losing their cello colleague somewhere in the hills of Bohemia, Ian Mardon and Yuko Hirose heroically forged on. (*Bohemian Rhapsody II - The search continues...*) In this the 3<sup>rd</sup> programme, not only were they reunited with their cellist, they as well found their violist, Julia Mensching. Now the four members of the group can capture the chamber music highlights for piano quartet, **Mahler's Quartet-Movement in A minor** and the **Piano Quartet in E-flat major Op.87 by Antonín Dvořák**. As well, Dvorak's friends **Smetana** and **Janáček** and Dvorak's Son-in-law **Suk** make their re-appearance on this programme.