

"cantomano" Guitar-Quartet

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Stefan Gymsa
Sebastian Schubert
Volker Höh**

The name **cantomano** means "**Song of the Hands**"
and symbolises fulfilled and living music-making.

The Soloists-Quartet, made up of ex-students of the guitar-class at the Rheinland-Pfalz Regional Music Grammar-School in Montabaur with their teacher Volker Höh, was born out of the school guitar-ensemble "cantomano".

"cantomano" won first prizes at the 6th and 7th German Orchestra Competition 2004 and 2008, and won the Regional Orchestra Competition in Rheinland-Pfalz in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011. The Ensemble won several prizes at international competitions and through the intervention of the Goethe-Institute has given concert-tours in Russia, Italy, Bolivia, Argentina and Uruguay.

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Christopher Esch, Terz and Primguitar, was first taught guitar by his father Michael Esch at seven years. From 1996 to 2005 he studied with Volker Höh at the Regional Music Grammar School in Montabaur. From 2006 to 2010 he studied instrumental didactics at the Music Academy of Cologne under Prof. Alfred Eickholt. 2010 to 2012 he obtained his M.Mus. with Prof. Gerhard Reichenbach. In 2004 he won first prize in guitar quartet at the national level of the competition *Jugend Musiziert*.

Stefan Gymsa, Terz and Primguitar, learned guitar from 1997. From 1999 to 2008 he was a pupil of Volker Höh at the Regional Music Grammar School in Montabaur. In October 2006 he was youth-student with Prof. Dieter Kreidler at the Cologne Music Academy. Since October 2008 he studies in the guitar-class of Prof. Alfred Eickholt. He holds a stipend from the KSK Westerwald and won many prizes at the competition *Jugend Musiziert*.

Sebastian Schubert, Quintbassguitar, began to learn guitar at six years. After changing schools to the Regional Music Grammar School in Montabaur and joining Volker Höh's guitar-class he saw successes at the competition *Jugend Musiziert* and *Jugend Jazzt*. Besides the guitar, Sebastian Schubert has always been interested in composition and has won prizes at prestigious national competitions such as *Jugend Komponiert* at *Jeuness Musicales*. Paralell to studying sound-engineering and Japanese in London, Sebastian has worked as a sound-technician in England and lives as music-producer, musician and composer in Bamberg.