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## Calder Quartet signs exclusive recording contract with Pentatone

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The Calder Quartet from the US has signed an exclusive global recording contract with Pentatone. The California-based group's first album for the label will focus on Beethoven quartets.

'We are honoured to sign with the Pentatone label, with its venerable catalogue and dedication to recording

classical music,' said the quartet in a statement. 'Since our founding we have dedicated ourselves to understanding and fulfilling the intent of composers, both of the present as well as the past. We are looking forward to this relationship and the opportunity to catalogue and curate the breadth of our endeavours in our new home.'

Winner of an **Avery Fisher Career Grant** in 2014, the Calder Quartet comprises violinists Benjamin Jacobson and Andrew Bulbrook, violist Jonathan Moerschel and cellist Eric Beyers. The group has commissioned over 40 new works from contemporary composers, and collaborates with artists from

a wide variety of musical genres.

Formed at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music, the quartet continued its studies at the Colburn Conservatory of Music with Ronald Leonard, and at the Juilliard School, receiving the Artist Diploma in Chamber Music Studies as the Juilliard Graduate Resident String Quartet.

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