



The Danish
String Quartet



FREDRIK SCHØYEN SJÖLIN

(b. 1982) has the honour of being the only Norwegian member of The Danish String Quartet. However (and this is often pointed out during rehearsals), as Norway was effectually a tributary to Denmark until 1814, Fredrik is actually sort of Danish. Anyway, Fredrik grew up in Trondheim, where he had his first cello lessons as a 6-year old at the local music school. After finishing high school, he moved to Stockholm where to study with Torlief Thedéen. In 2007 he graduated from the diploma-programme and subsequently won a place in the prestigious two-year "intro klassisk"-scheme, run by "Concerts Norway".

In 1996 Frederik won Norway's national competition for young string players, and two years later he won the second prize in "EMCY"s international competition. He has performed as asoloist with several of the Norwegian orchestras including: The Norwegian Radio Orchestra, Stavanger Symphony Orchestra, Trondheim Symphony Orchesra and the Bergen Philharmonic.

During the summer season, Fredrik can be found on his sailboat sailing the vast oceans. But the word goes that even during quartet rehearsals he has been caught drifting away, dreaming about the waves and the wind in the beard.