

QUINTANA

Kateřina Ghannudi - baroque harp and voice * Ilaria Fantin - archlute, voice and percussions

Italian-Czech duo Quintana was created in 2010 by lutenist Ilaria Fantin from Vicenza together with Prague's harpist Kateřina Ghannudi. Their happy reunion took place in Verona, where both successfully completed the academic musical studies in their fields - Archlute and Renaissance and Baroque harp (Conservatorio F.E. Dall'Abaco, 2012). Both musicians had previously spent several years performing early music in different ensembles and musical formations in their native countries and abroad, including recently in particular collaboration with Pino de Vittorio on the recording project "Siciliane – The songs of an island" released in 2013 for the label Glossa Music and performed together at the most prestigious concert stages (Concertgebouw Amsterdam, De Bijloke Gent, Femas Sevilla, NDR Das Alte Werk, Festival Radovljica, Festival All'Improvviso...). Music from the middle ages to the Baroque period and the common interest in folk tunes and culture of the Mediterranean region are the roots of Quintana's original and suggestive repertoire that consists of instrumental pieces and songs that have travelled orally for centuries through the waves and shores of the Mediterranean Sea or in manuscript sources. Quintana carries out this repertoire with its own arrangements led by musicological research, creative freedom, instinct and personal taste. Duo Quintana was presented at the following multi-genre festivals BaRoMus Festival (Croatia), Musica Cortese Gorizia (Slovenia/Italy), Umbria Jazz, Festival Biblico, I suoni della devozione Brindisi, Festival Voces Lecco, Tintarella di Luna alla Basilica Palladiana di Vicenza (Italy), Festival Bozen 2015, Nebílovy - Plzeň European Capital of Culture 2015 (Czech Republic). Fora do Lugar - Festival Internacional de Músicas Antigas (Portugal) and others. In winter in a program called "MusicaSottoZero" Quintana likes moving to the north to revive the songs coming from Ireland, Scotland & England.