

## St James Quintet



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<b>Suzanne Thorn</b>	Oboe
<b>Ellen Deverall</b>	Clarinet
<b>Karen Geoghegan</b>	Bassoon
<b>Nicholas Ireson</b>	Horn

Winners of the Ensemble Prize at the 2009 Royal Overseas League Music Competition, the **St James Quintet** were formed in 2007 from students at the Royal Academy of Music for a performance at St James Palace for the awarding of the Queen's Anniversary Medal.

Since then the quintet has appeared regularly in performances both at the Academy and beyond. In 2008 as part of the BBC Proms they gave the UK Premiere of Anders Hillborg's 'Six Pieces for Wind Quintet' which was later broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

They made their Southbank debut in 2009 performing at the Queen Elizabeth Hall before going on to appear in recitals in Norfolk and the Norwich Festival and in a live broadcast on BBC Radio 3's 'In Tune'. The quintet has performed for HRH The Princess Royal, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Sir Harrison Birtwhistle.

Recently appointed Leverhulme Chamber Music Fellows at the Royal Academy of Music the quintet was also awarded the Philharmonia Orchestra / Martin Musical Scholarship Fund Ensemble Award in May 2009. They performed at the Purcell Room in November 2009 and will make their Wigmore Hall debut in 2010.