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AN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SENSATION.

A fusion of classical and contemporary music on both traditional and electric strings. With the 2024 release of their eighth album "ROMANI: The Untold Story" they charted at #1 on the Classical Album Billboard charts. Their 2022 release of "Love Always" charted at #2 on the Classical Crossover Album and the Classical Album Billboard charts. DSQ's contemporary interpretations continue to expand their passionate following on Pandora, Spotify, and YouTube. DSQ performs intimately as a quartet or with a full accompaniment of drums, guitar, and piano.

DSQ is referred to as "Bach meets Bon Jovi" and is compared to artists like Lindsey Stirling, Vitamin String Quartet, Brooklyn Duo and 2Cellos. They use both traditional and electric strings performing as a quartet with the full accompaniment of drums and guitar and are known for their eclectic renditions of everything from Guns N' Roses "Sweet Child O' Mine" and Taylor Swift's "Anti-Hero" to their collaboration, "You Are The Reason," with The Piano Guys. DSQ has performed for Presidents Obama and Bush, with superstars like Ed Sheeran, Luke Combs and Ashley McBryde, at the Academy of Country Music Awards (ACM Awards), for NBA and NFL organizations and their cover of Katy Perry's "Firework" was featured on American Idol. Brands like Cartier, Delta, LinkedIn and more seek out the one-of-a-kind quartet, as did Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton who requested DSQ as the entertainment for their July 2021 wedding. DSQ is also featured on the 2023 GRAMMY-nominated album, "The Passenger" by Cheryl B. Engelhardt. The core group is composed of violist Ion Zanca, violinists Valory Hight and Melissa Priller, and bassist Young Heo.



ION ZANCA PRODUCER & VIOLINIST

Ion Zanca is the principal and founder of the Dallas String Quartet. Since moving to the U.S. from Romania in 2002, DSQ has become a household name to many. In September 2024, Zanca charted at #1 on the Traditional Classical Albums Billboard Charts as Well as Classical iTunes Album charts with the debut of his album ROMANI: The Untold Story by Dallas String Quartet featuring the London Symphony Orchestra which he composed. In October 2022, Zanca was also #2 on the Classical Album and Classical Crossover Album Billboard Charts with DSQ's latest album, "Love Always." Under Zanca's tutelage, The group has played for multiple sitting U.S. presidents, the NFL, the NBA, performed at the wedding of music legends Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton, released a collaboration with The Piano Guys, charted on Billboard, and acquired over 50 million streams on Spotify. As of November 2021, the group has more than 600 million streams on Pandora, 6.2 Million views on YouTube, and had over 5.8 million listeners on Spotify. They are often compared to The Piano Guys, Vitamin String Quartet and Lindsey Stirling. They have also appeared on numerous national media outlets such as ESPN, NBC, and CW 33.

Zanca himself has earned a reputation nationwide as a prolific performer, composer, and producer. His talents as a versatile violist have been celebrated on the classical stage as well as on the jazz and contemporary music scene. Hailing from a long lineage of musicians, he is a voting member of The Recording Academy and holds a graduate degree in Music Performance from Southern Methodist University where he studied with former principle of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Ellen Rose. He currently resides in Dallas with his wife, Estera, and his son Julian.



MELISSA PRILLER VIOLINIST

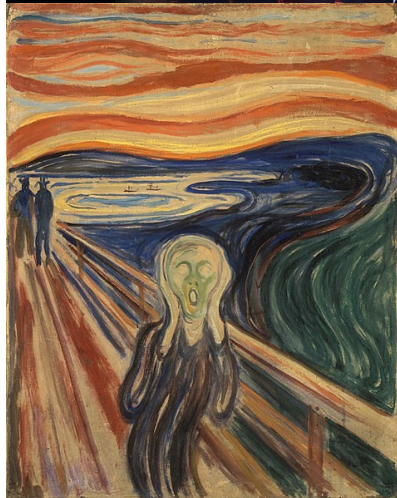
Melissa Priller is a professional violinist experienced in many playing styles with a passion for performing and a virtuosic flare that electrifies stages across the country. Playing classical and electric violin, Melissa joined DSQ in 2013 and has recorded a number of albums and singles with the group.

Melissa is featured on DSQ's #1 Billboard charting album "ROMANI: The Untold Story, as well as DSQ's #2 Billboard charting album Love Always (2022), A Very Merry Christmas With Dallas String Quartet (2019), DSQ Live in Concert (2018), and DSQ (2016). In addition, Melissa is featured in many of DSQ's music videos.

Classically trained, Melissa began her violin studies in Chicago, Illinois, where she played in an elite youth violin ensemble, gaining international touring experience and playing for the likes of Pope Benedict XVI in Rome and Prince William Lobkowitz in Prague. At the same time, Melissa began a career in modeling, walking the runway for numerous fashion shows and landing features in various print ads.

Melissa attended Southern Methodist University on scholarship. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance with a Minor in Arts Entrepreneurship in 2016.

Melissa has performed for presidents, NBA and NFL teams, opened for artists such as Kenny G, performed celebrity weddings and events, performed with Jason Aldean at the Academy of Country Music Awards in 2024 as well as Ashley McBryde in 2023. She currently lives in Dallas, Texas, where she maintains an active performance schedule with DSQ.



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VALORY HIGHT VIOLINIST

Virginia-native violinist Valory Hight has forged a reputation as an exceptionally versatile musician. Valory has been an esteemed member of the Dallas String Quartet since 2020 and is featured on DSQ's album ROMANI: The Untold Story as well as many DSQ singles. Although classically trained, Valory has collaborated with artists of many different genres including, grammy-winning gospel artist Kirk Franklin and contemporary Christian-singer Lauren Daigle. At age 25, Valory has performed on stages such as Carnegie Hall and David Geffen Hall in New York City, the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN, and Rudolfinum in Prague, Czech Republic.

Deeply passionate about collaboration, Valory has had the pleasure of performing with such prominent musicians as Paul Neubauer, Peter Wiley, Peter Serkin, Dawn Upshaw, the Escher Quartet, Aaron Boyd, Chad Hoopes, the Viano Quartet, and members from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, among others.

Valory received her bachelor's degree in 2019 at Bard College and Conservatory where she studied with Shmuel Ashkenasi and Weigang Li. She completed Her Master's Degree in May of 2021 at Southern Methodist University where she studied with Emanuel Borok and Aaron Boyd. Currently, she is in the Performer's Diploma program as a recipient of the Meadow's Artistic Scholarship at Southern Methodist University studying with Alexander Sitkovetsky.



YOUNG HEO B A S S

Young Heo is a professional jazz bassist based in Dallas, Texas. Young had the opportunity to play in a professional setting with Ellis Marsalis, Adonis Rose, Delfaeyo Marsalis, Stefan Karlsson, and Bernard Wright, and has recorded over twenty albums including One O'clock Lab Band in 2013.



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JOEL WHITE GUITARIST

Joel White is a professional guitarist in the DFW area. Originally from Houston, Texas, Joel began his musical studies on piano at age 6 and guitar at age 11. Joel attended the University of North Texas where he earned a degree in jazz performance. While at the university of North Texas, Joel studied with Jazz Guitar Professor Davy Mooney, and Arranging and Composition Professor Rich Derosa. As a member of the Grammy-Nominated One O' Clock Lab Band, Joel performed with guest artists Maria Schneider, Gary Smulyan, Regina Carter, and performed at the Inaugural Jack Rudin Jazz Championship at Lincoln Center for judges Wynton Marsalis, Ron Carter, UNT Professor Almunus Tanya Darby, Jeff Hamilton, and Gary Smulyan. Two of Joel's original compositions 'Consumed' and 'Yet so far' are featured on the band's recording Lab 2020. Joel was also a member of the UNT Jazz Singers, which received a Downbeat magazine student ensemble award in 2019.

Joel currently maintains an busy schedule as a performer, arranger, and private instructor, playing across Texas and nationwide with the Dallas String Quartet.



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