

The Emily Carr String Quartet has established itself as one of BC's finest music ensembles. Formed in 2006 by members of the Victoria Symphony and the Aventa Ensemble of Victoria BC, the Emily Carr String Quartet have performed in Canada, the USA and Europe. They have collaborated with artists such as: Jamie Parker, Marion Newman, Arthur Rowe, the Lafayette, Alcan and Tin Alley String Quartets as well as bluesman Harry Manx. In addition to frequent performances on Vancouver Island, they have performed for "ISCM's 2017 World Music Days", "Music in the Morning", "Music on Main" concert series in Vancouver, the Ankara Music Festival, Hornby Festival, Victoria Summer Music Festival and the IAMA Canadian Music Showcase in Montreal. They have participated in residencies at Stanford University and the Banff Centre. The ECSQ has been featured on CBC radio's "North by Northwest" and their CD "Hidden Treasure" was nominated for the 2012 classical recording of the year at the Western Canadian Music Awards.

The quartet has also done much to honour the celebrated local artist, Emily Carr. They have commissioned pieces by Canadian composers: Tobin Stokes "Feathers" (2014) Jocelyn Morlock "Big Raven" (2015) Jared Miller "Strangled by Growth" (2016) and Jennifer Butler "One More Way to See" (2018). They frequently incorporate Carr's writings in concerts, most notably at their concert series held at Emily Carr House.