



WOOSTER Chamber Music SERIES 2023-2024

All concerts are Sundays at 3:00 pm in Gault Recital Hall unless otherwise noted. 525 E. University St., Wooster, OH



Meta4 String Quartet October 15, 2023

The Finnish are coming! One of Europe's most celebrated quartets is making their first visit to the WCMS. Winners of the International Shostakovich Quartet Competition in Moscow (2004), the International Joseph Haydn Chamber Music Competition in Vienna (2007) and the Finland Prize, this ensemble is now making itself known in the States. The quartet is acclaimed for its recordings of traditional quartet repertoire as well as its concert offerings of new and lesser-known works. The BBC selected Meta4 as its New Generation Artist for 2008-2010 and in 2013 the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation awarded the quartet with a special prize in recognition of its work.

Verona String Quartet November 5, 2023

The WCMS is pleased to welcome the Verona Quartet, our neighbors to the north, to this year's season. Currently in residence at Oberlin College, the Quartet won the 2015 Concert Artist Guild competition and Chamber Music America's Cleveland Quartet Award in 2020. The Verona Quartet has earned acclaim for its championing of contemporary repertoire and composers, as well as its numerous interdisciplinary collaborations—among them performances with dance ensembles, poets and folk musicians.



SPA Trio February 11, 2024

Soprano, viola and piano are probably not a combination that springs to mind when one first thinks of chamber music. However, there is a long tradition of great singers performing salon type songs with an obbligato instrument: Enrico Caruso with Mischa Elman, Marian Anderson with William Primrose; even Bing Crosby and Jascha Heifetz! Since 2011 the stellar artists known as the SPA Trio have continued this tradition.

After 12 seasons in leading roles at New York's Metropolitan Opera, Susanna Phillips has established herself as one of today's most sought-after recitalists. She is joined by former principal violist of the New York Philharmonic and two-time Grammy nominee Paul Neubauer; as well as accomplished solo and collaborative pianist Anne-Marie McDermott. Their program will include 19th- and 20th-century art and parlor songs ranging from Mendelssohn to Gershwin.

Calisto String Quartet March 24, 2024

Since their inception in 2016, Callisto has garnered top prizes in nearly every major international chamber music competition and has been hailed by audiences across the globe. Although this is their first performance on our series, this concert is a homecoming of sorts, as the group got their start at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Grand Prize winners of the 2018 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and Second Prize Winners of the 2019 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the Callisto Quartet has also taken home prizes from the Bordeaux, Melbourne, and Wigmore Hall competitions. Currently the Fellowship Quartet in Residence at Yale University, Callisto has previously held residencies at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and the Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía in Madrid, Spain.

Gryphon Trio April 21, 2024

Gryphon Trio is one of the world's preeminent piano trios, earning acclaim for and impressing international audiences with its highly refined, dynamic, and memorable performances. Together for more than 25 years, the Trio has been appearing on the WCMS for many of those years. Its repertoire ranges from traditional to contemporary, and from European classicism to modern-day multimedia. It is committed to redefining chamber music for the 21st century. Violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys, and pianist Jamie Parker are creative innovators with an appetite for discovery and new ideas. They have commissioned over 85 new works, and they frequently collaborate with other artists. They are also committed educators, having founded the outreach program, Listen Up!, which inspired 16 Canadian communities to collaborate on large-scale arts projects. In 2013, Canada Council for the Arts presented Gryphon Trio with the prestigious Walter Carsen Prize for Excellence in the Performing Arts.

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Welcome to the Wooster Chamber Music Series 2023-2024

The 2023-24 Wooster Chamber Music Series features some of the most renowned chamber music ensembles performing today at an affordable ticket price. Add to that an intimate 290-seat concert hall with first-rate acoustics and the opportunity to meet the artists after the concert, and you have a musical experience unmatched by those in larger metropolitan areas. The Wooster Chamber Music Series, which began in 1984, spent the first 18 seasons at the Wayne Center for the Arts before moving to The College of Wooster.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$100 for a Series Subscription. Middle and High school, and College of Wooster students are admitted for free. All concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. and take place in Gault Recital Hall, Scheide Music Center at the College of Wooster, 525 E. University St., Wooster, Ohio. Tickets can be purchased at the Mayer Bookstore in Lowry Center, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster (330-263-2421), via mail or at the door. The WCMS is only able to accept cash and check payments at the door.

Wooster Chamber Music Series History

Founded in 1985 by Theodore R. Williams and Joseph E. Fishelson, the Wooster Chamber Music Series has been presenting world-class musicians to residents of Wooster and surrounding communities for over 30 years. Individual patrons, sponsors, foundations and grants provide the funding for the series.

Support the Wooster Chamber Music Series

The WCMS keeps its ticket prices low in order to make music accessible to a wide audience. We believe that high quality musical experiences should be available to everyone. In order to support this mission, please consider a donation. Donation levels are as follows:

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