EMORY CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF ATLANTA

Now celebrating our 25th Silver Anniversary season of excellence, the Southeast’s largest and most active chamber music organization brings together some of the city’s finest resident musicians with internationally known guest artists who are dedicated to performing the most delightful, exciting, and interesting music from the chamber repertoire in some of the most acoustically and visually beautiful spaces in Atlanta. Guests have included Yo-Yo Ma, Richard Stoltzman, Alan Gilbert, Dave Brubeck, William Preucil, Eliot Fisk, and many others.

The mission of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta (ECMSA) is to create new generations of educated and passionate music lovers who will cherish and support this great art forever. In addition to presenting an Emerson Evening, a Family, and the Cooke Noontime Concert Series at Emory, the ECMSA tours, participates in recording projects, the commissioning of new works, and numerous community-outreach activities. Education is an integral part of the ECMSA’s mission, and members teach throughout the university and greater community, coach student chamber music ensembles, and give private lessons.

Emory’s String Quartet in Residence program, held by the international award-winning Vega String Quartet, lies at the heart of the ECMSA’s mission to spread this great music throughout the community, reaching audiences ages two to one-hundred and two. The Vega is the first professional string quartet to ever make Atlanta its home base and as such, it is having a transformational effect on music education and performance throughout the area.

All ECMSA concerts this season will be free of charge, making this great music available to all.

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**Emerson Concert Hall Unless Otherwise Noted**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 8 P.M.**
25th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception
A gala program showcasing the unlimited variety of Chamber Music—including antiphonal brass works, lieder, works for winds, piano duo, string chamber music, featuring violinist Robert Spano and Elena Choulakova—and much more—with a reception at intermission to celebrate 25 years of Chamber Music at its best!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ 8 P.M., Jazz Meets Classics—Songs of Love**
Enjoy the interaction of these two genres with songs of love by Schumann, Rachmaninoff, and Puccini performed by tenor Bradley Howard and pianist William Ransom interspersed with favorite jazz love songs sung by jazz vocalist Bernadine Mitchell with Gary Motley at the keyboard.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 7 & 9 P.M. @ EMORY PLANETARIUM**
Bach under the Stars
The timeless music for solo strings of J. S. Bach played under the magical mystery of the Emory Planetarium's star show. Performed by members of the Vega String Quartet with commentary by astrophysicist and Planetarium Director Erin Bonning. Limited seating.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**
The Emory Young Artist Piano Competition and Masterclasses
Some of the most talented pre-college pianists from the Southeast perform. Semifinals are open to the public on Saturday from 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; final concert begins @ 7 p.m. followed by announcement of the winner. On Sunday, enjoy public masterclasses given by Emory's piano faculty.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7 P.M., Juilliard in Atlanta**
Twenty-four graduates of The Juilliard School who are based in Atlanta come together for the first time to celebrate their shared alma mater in a public concert. Featuring violinists David Coucheron (ASO), Elizabeth Fayette (Vega) and Helen Kim (KSL); cellists Christopher Rex (ASO); and pianists Keiko and William Coucheron (ASO), Elizabeth Fayette (Vega) and Helen Kim

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 @ 4 P.M. @ MARCUS HILLER CENTER AT EMORY**
Jewish Chamber Music
Chamber Music of Mendelssohn, Golijov, and Schuhoff with the Vega String Quartet in a very special setting.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24 @ 8 P.M., The Vega String Quartet**
Emory's international award-winning string quartet in residence performs quartets of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and the world premiere of Richard Prior's Quartet No. 3.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 @ 8 P.M., The Rites of Spring**
Vivaldi’s “Spring” from the Four Seasons (Vega String Quartet); Beethoven’s “Spring” Sonata (Elizabeth Fayette and William Ransom); and Stravinsky’s great ballet performed by pianists Robert Spano and Elena Choulakova with original choreography performed by Stabance.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @ 3 P.M. @ THE HIGH MUSEUM**
Chamber Music of Mendelssohn, Golijov, and Schulhoff with the Vega String Quartet in a very special setting.
A collaboration between the High Museum, the ECMAS, and the Highlands-Chaamers Chamber Music Festival, this special concert will feature the Vega String Quartet performing a string quintet transcription of Mussorgsky’s great masterpiece and more.
Followed by a reception with cash bar.

**SUNDAY, MAY 13 @ 1:30 P.M. @ MILLER-WARD ALUMNI HOUSE**
Cherry Emerson Memorial Alumni Concert
Some of Emory’s finest musical alumni return to campus to perform with one of our most accomplished graduating seniors during Commencement weekend.

**Friday, September 8 Mozart & the Museum**
Pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom and members of the Vega String Quartet kick off the season with piano four hands and the G Minor Piano Quartet.

**Friday, October 20**
Edeko: Gatterman guitar
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Vijay Venkatesh, piano
Winner of the Parnassus Society Prize.

**Friday, January 11**
Chikovsky Piano Trio
The Summit Trio—pianist Robert Henry, violinist Helen Kim, and cellist Chaisar Krueger perform this powerful and beautiful work.

**Friday, December 1 Emory’s Young Artists**
Some of the most outstanding undergraduate talents from Emory’s Department of Music perform.

**Friday, January 18**
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Liederabend
Members of the Emory Voice and Piano faculty perform favorites from the Sing repertoire.

**Saturday, April 23**
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**Family Series**

**Sunday, October 15 @ 4 P.M. Invitation to the Dance!**
Waltzes, mazurkas, minuets, tanges, and more will have you dancing in your seats. With the Vega String Quartet and pianist William Ransom.

**Sunday, December 10 @ 4 P.M. Santa’s Favorite Chamber Music**
We welcome back Old Saint Nick himself to introduce some of his favorite classical works and give treats to good listeners.

**Sunday, January 26 @ 7 P.M. & 9 P.M. Christmas Around the World!**
Enjoy musical bedtime stories performed by pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom with some hot chocolate and marshmallows—and if you like, wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

**Sunday, March 4 @ 4 P.M. The Road to Hamelin**
This wonderful retelling of the Pied Piper story features Lois Reitzes, legendary voice of classical works and give treats to good listeners.

**Sunday, April 8 @ 4 P.M. Atlanta’s Young Artists**
Some of the area’s finest pre-college musicians perform on this exciting annual showcase of what talent and hard work can produce.

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