EMORY CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF ATLANTA

Now celebrating its 28th 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, Robert Spano, and many others.

The mission of the Chamber Music Society (ECMSA) is to create new generations of passionate and educated music lovers who will cherish and support this great art forever. In addition to presenting an Emerson Evening Series, a Family Series, 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 the integral part of the ECMSA’s mission, and members teach in a wide variety of ways 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 of all ages. The Vega is the first professional string quartet to ever make Atlanta its home base and as such, it has a transformative effect on music education and performance throughout the area.

Until further notice, all ECMSA concerts this season will be presented online only. Concerts remain free of charge.

2020–2021 SEASON

Join us as we celebrate 250 years of chamber music at its best!

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2020–2021 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Cooke Noontime and Family Series concerts (4:00 pm) will be available at carlos. emory.edu/livestream; Emerson Series concerts (8:00 pm) will be available at schwartz.emory.edu/livestream; and Bach’s Lunch Series concerts (noon) will be available at https://fpc.squarespace.com/livestream, unless otherwise noted. All concerts are free of charge.

BEETHOVEN 2020

Fri., Sept. 11 Cooke Noontime Series: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Fri., Sept. 18 Bach’s Lunch Series: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Sat., Sept. 19 @ 8:00 pm Emerson Series: Beethoven String Quartet Cycle IV
Fri., Oct. 9 Cooke Noontime Concert: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Sat., Oct. 10 @ 8:00 pm Emerson Series: Beethoven String Quartet Cycle V
Sat., Oct. 10 @ 10:00 am Cooke Noontime Concert: lecture by Bill McLaughlin
Fri., Oct. 16 Cooke Noontime Concert: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Sun., Oct. 18 Family Series: Happy Birthday, Mr. Beethoven!
Mon., Oct. 19 Khari Joyner, cello; William Ransom, piano
Fri., Oct. 30 Bach’s Lunch Series: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Sun., Nov. 1 @ 4:00 pm Emerson Series: Beethoven String Quartet Cycle VI
Fri., Nov. 13 @ 7:00 pm Family Series: Pajama Concert
Fri., Nov. 20 Cooke Noontime Concert: Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Fri., Dec. 4 Cooke Noontime Series: Beethoven Violin Sonata and Songs
Sun., Dec. 13 Family Series: Santa’s Favorite Chamber Music

SPRING 2021

Fri., Jan. 15 Cooke Noontime Series: Philip Thomson, piano
Fri., Jan. 22 Bach’s Lunch Series: Vega String Quartet
Sat., Jan. 23 Emerson Series: The Three Artistic Directors
Sun., Jan. 24 Family Series: Strings and Stories
Mon., Jan. 25 The Three Artistic Directors
Sun., Feb. 7 @ 4:00 pm Emerson Series: The Bach Bowl
Fri., Feb. 12 Cooke Noontime Series: Chinese New Year Celebration
Mon., Feb. 15 Vega String Quartet
Fri., Feb. 26 Cooke Noontime Series: Michael and Kyung Kim, duo pianists
Sat., Feb. 27 Emerson Series: Beethoven and a Big Band
Mon., March 1 Michael and Kyung Kim, duo pianists
Fri., March 19 Cooke Noontime Series: The Enchanted Harp
Fri., March 26 Bach’s Lunch Series: David Coucheron, violin; William Ransom, piano
Sat., April 3 Emerson Series: String Theory with Cho-Liang Lin
Fri., April 16 Cooke Noontime Series: Emory’s Young Artists
Sun., April 25 Family Series: Atlanta’s Young Artists
Fri., May 7 Cooke Noontime Series: Brahms Piano Quartet
Sun., May 9, 1:00 pm Cherry Emerson Alumni Concert

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EMERSON SERIES
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FAMILY SERIES
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JOHN AND LINDA COOKE NOONTIME SERIES
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 8:00 PM
Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas, Beethoven 2020
ECMSA continues its celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday with a performance of his Cello Sonata No. 2 and Violin Sonata No. 7. Rainer Eudeikis, cello; Helen Kim, violin; William Ransom, piano.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas, Beethoven 2020
Beethoven 2020 continues with a performance of his Cello Sonata No. 4 and Violin Sonata No. 9. Khari Joyner, cello; Justin Bruns, violin; William Ransom, piano.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas, Beethoven 2020
ECMSA continues its celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday with a performance of his Cello Sonata No. 5 and Violin Sonata No. 9. Charae Krueger, cello; Robyn Bollinger, violin; Elizabeth Pridgen and William Ransom, piano.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Beethoven Violin Sonata and Songs, Beethoven 2020
ECMSA concludes its celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday with a performance of his Violin Sonata No. 10 and the Ave di Gios Gebet song cycle. David Coucheron, violin; Bradley Howard, tenor; William Ransom, piano.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
Philip Thomson, piano
Canadian-born pianist Philip Thomson presents a noontime piano recital.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Michael and Kyung Kim, duo pianists
Married duo pianists Michael and Kyung Kim present a noontime program of four-hand favorites.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
The Enchanted Harp
Harpist Elizabeth Amyr is featured in this concert, which will include the Debussy Trio and Castelnuovo Sonata for Cello and Harp. Christina Smith, flute; Charae Krueger, cello; Yinzi Kong, viola.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Emory’s Young Artists
Some of Emory’s finest undergraduate musicians are featured.

FRIDAY, MAY 7
Brahms Piano Quartet
Vega String Quartet; William Ransom, piano

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Beethoven String Quartet Cycle IV, Beethoven 2020
Lecture by Bill McGlaughlin, 10 am
The Vega String Quartet concludes their exploration of the complete Beethoven String Quartets including op. 18, No. 6; 74; and 59 with guest first violin David Coucheron. Award-winning classical music radio host Bill McGlaughlin will give a lecture earlier in the day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 8:00 PM
Beethoven String Quartet Cycle V, Beethoven 2020
Lecture by Bill McGlaughlin, 10 am
The Vega String Quartet continues their exploration of the complete Beethoven String Quartets including op. 127 and 59. No. 5, with guest first violin David Coucheron. Award-winning classical music radio host Bill McGlaughlin gives a lecture earlier in the day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 4:00 PM
Beethoven String Quartet Cycle VI, Beethoven 2020
Lecture by Bill McGlaughlin, 1 pm
The Vega String Quartet concludes their exploration of the complete Beethoven String Quartets including op. 95, 130, and 59. No. 2 with guest first violin David Coucheron. Award-winning classical music radio host Bill McGlaughlin will give a lecture earlier in the day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 @ 8:00 PM
The Three Artistic Directors
Zuill Bailey, cello; Linda Rosenthal, violin; and William Ransom, piano; join forces for a Bach Suite for Cello, Prokofiev Violin Sonata in D and Shostakovich Piano Trio.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ NOON
The Bach Bowl
This year’s Annual Bach Bowl features Bach’s Brandenburg Concerti No. 4 and No. 2, Organ Toccata and C Major Suite. Stuart Stephenson, trumpet; David Coucheron and Alice Hong, violin; Elizabeth Friedcoe, oboe; Christina Smith and James Jezells, flute; Michael Kurth, bass; Timothy Albrecht, organ; Vega String Quartet.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 8:00 PM
Beethoven and a Big Band
ECMSA joins by Joe Graenzer’s 17-piece Big Band in a concert featuring a hybrid of styles. The program will include Beethoven’s Archduke Trio, classics, and new works. Charae Krueger, cello; Helen Kim, violin; William Ransom, piano.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 @ 8:00 PM
String Theory with Cho-Liang Lin
Violinist Cho-Liang Lin makes his Emory debut with members of the ECMSA performing the Dvořák String Quartet; Mozart’s Duo for Violin and Viola; and Mendelssohn’s great Octet for Strings.

SUNDAY, MAY 9 @ 1:30 PM
Cherry Emerson Annual Alumni Concert
Join two of Emory’s finest musical alumni as they return to campus to perform with one of the most accomplished graduating seniors during commencement weekend.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @ NOON
Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
Enjoy a noontime performance of Beethoven’s Cello Sonata No. 1 and Violin Sonatas Nos. 4 and 6. Charae Krueger, cello; Helen Kim, violin; Margaux Maloney, violin; Julie Coucheron and William Ransom, piano.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 @ NOON
Beethoven Violin and Cello Sonatas
ECMSA continues its celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday with a performance of his Cello Sonata No. 1 and Violin Sonata No. 5. “Spring,” Christopher Rex, cello; Amy Schwartz Moretti, violin; William Ransom, piano.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 7:00 PM
Pajama Concert
Enjoy Hans Christian Anderson’s Fairy Tales read by Lois Reiters of WABE, joined by pianist Philip Thomson. We’ll provide the hot chocolate and marshmallows—and if you like, wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 4:00 PM
Santa’s Favorite Chamber Music
ECMSA welcomes back Santa Claus himself to introduce and enjoy some of his favorite classical works and lead a sing-along with pianist Julie Coucheron. He’ll also bring early Christmas treats to good listeners.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 @ 4:00 PM
Strings and Stories

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Music of Love–Valentine’s Day
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