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Spring 2021 Concert Schedule

WILLIAM RANSOM, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

2020–2021 SEASON

Join us as we celebrate 28 years of chamber music at its best!
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 Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta (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 String Quartet 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.

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 @ 8:00 PM**  
**All-Star Trio**  
[Schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage](http://schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage)  
Grammy Award-winner Zuill Bailey, cello; virtuoso violinist Chee-Yun; and Russian sensation Natasha Paremski, piano, join forces for Sonatas of Brahms and Franck, Piazzolla’s *Grand Tango*, and Three Tangos for Piano Trio by Piazzolla.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ 4:00 PM**  
**The Bach Bowl: “Bach for One”**  
[Schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage](http://schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage)  
Some of Johann Sebastian Bach’s greatest music was written for a single player, solo. Before the Superbowl, enjoy the Suite in C Major; *Chorale O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort*/*O Eternity Paraphrase* by Timothy Albrecht; Sonata in G Minor; and the Partita in A Minor performed by Yinzi Kong, viola; Timothy Albrecht, organ; David Coucheron, violin; and Christina Smith, flute.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 8:00 PM**  
**Plus One**  
[Schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage](http://schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage)  
Enjoy the Vega String Quartet with guest first violin David Coucheron plus one additional musician for Mendelssohn’s delightful Viola Quintet in B-flat with Paul Murphy and Dohnanyi’s powerful and dramatic Piano Quintet in C Minor with William Ransom.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3 @ 8:00 PM**  
**String Theory**  
[Schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage](http://schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage)  
Let the vibrations of the strings move you with Martinu’s magical *Madrigals for Violin and Viola* and Tchaikovsky’s rousing *Souvenir de Florence* Sextet for Strings performed by Paul Murphy, viola; Roy Harran, cello; and the Vega String Quartet with David Coucheron, guest first violin.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 4:00 PM
Valentine’s Day Concert—Music of Love
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What better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day than with music of love? Amy Beach’s Romance for violin; Romances by Robert and Clara Schumann; Brahms’s Intermezzo in A Major and Dohnanyi’s Romanza for String Trio are performed by members of the Vega String Quartet and William Ransom, piano.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 @ 4:00 PM
Emory’s Young Artists
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Some of Emory’s finest undergraduate musicians are featured in this annual showcase of student excellence.

BACH’S LUNCH SERIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 @ NOON
The Vega String Quartet
https://www.firstpresatl.org/concerts-at-first/

The Vega String Quartet with David Coucheron, guest first violin, open 2021 with two of the most beautiful quartets from the repertoire: Haydn’s “Emperor” and Borodin’s Quartet No. 2 in D Major.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 @ NOON
Dynamic Duo
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David Coucheron, violin, and William Ransom, piano, team up for the first two Sonatas of Johannes Brahms, in G Major and A Major.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Chinese New Year Celebration
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Ring in the Chinese New Year—the Year of the Ox—with both the Western strings of the Vega String Quartet (founded in Shanghai) with guest violinist Helen Kim; and an ensemble of traditional Chinese instruments led by Yao Lu playing the Guzheng.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
The Enchanted Harp
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Harpist Elisabeth Remy Johnson is featured in this program which includes two fantastic collaborations: Saint-Saens’s Fantasie with Jessica Wu, violin; and Arnold Bax’s Fantasy-Sonata with Yinzi Kong, viola.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16  2 X 3
schwartz.emory.edu/virtual-stage

Three members of the Vega String Quartet take a solo turn with pianist William Ransom: Jessica Wu, violin; Yinzi Kong, viola; and cellist Guang Wang, in music of Handel, Schubert, and Prokofiev.

FRIDAY, MAY 7
Brahms Piano Quartet in G Minor
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The season closes with Brahms’s Piano Quartet in G Minor which includes the thrilling “Gypsy Rondo” Finale. Members of the Vega String Quartet with pianist William Ransom perform.
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Sun., Feb. 7 @ 4:00 PM  Emerson Series: The Bach Bowl
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Sun., April 25 @ 4:00 PM  Family Series: Emory's Young Artists
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Fri., May 7  Cooke Noontime Series: Brahms Piano Quartet
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