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Trends and Traditions

Please note that our first concert is a Saturday evening performance, with the next six being Sunday matinees.

Han, Setzer, Finckel, piano trio

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024
7:30 p.m.

Chamber music superstars open our season! Pianist Wu Han and cellist David Finckel are co-artistic directors of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Violinist Philip Setzer, formerly of the Emerson Quartet, is artistic director of the Cleveland Institute of Music's String Chamber Music Program. "[These] musicians are preeminent in the piano-trio realm, performing masterpieces of the repertoire to international acclaim." *Stir, Arts and Culture, Vancouver B.C.*

Dover String Quartet with Roberto Díaz, viola

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024
3:00 p.m.

The Grammy-nominated Dover Quartet is in residence at the Curtis Institute of Music, where Díaz, an internationally-renowned violist, is president and CEO. "Their super-perfect balances and sweetness of intonation, with lots of vibrato but never too thick, made it hard to imagine Haydn any better." *ArtsATL (Atlanta)*

WindSync woodwind quintet

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024
3:00 pm

Based in Houston, WindSync launched an international touring career after winning the 2012 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition and the 2016 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. They "play many idioms authoritatively, elegantly, with adroit technique and with great fun." *All About the Arts*

Balourdet String Quartet with Adam W. Sadberry, flute

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024
3:00 p.m.

The Balourdet are graduate quartet artists in residence at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and winners of the Chamber Music America (CMA) 2024 Cleveland Quartet Award, among numerous awards. As a musician and educator, Sadberry is known for his citizenry, creativity, and vibrancy both on and off stage. Members of the Balourdet participate in our Partnerships in Education program in local high schools.

Megan Moore, mezzo- soprano, and Francesco Barfoed, piano

Sunday, March 30, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Moore has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera, Seattle Opera and San Diego Opera, among prominent companies. Her roles include Rosina in Rossini's "Barber of Seville" and the title roles in Rossini's "La Cenerentola" and Massenet's "Cendrillon." A young artist on the rise, Danish-Italian pianist Barfoed often collaborates with singers. Barfoed and Moore won first prize in the Copenhagen Lied-Duo Competition. Both are previous winners of our Performance Award.

Harmony Zhu, piano

Sunday, April 6, 2025
3:00 p.m.

In 2021, Zhu won the Young Concert Arts Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and was the recipient of our YCA Performance Award. Just 18, she already has an impressive concert history, having appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia, Chicago and Detroit orchestras, among others. "A deeply musical soul and nimble technician." *Chicago Tribune*

Jerusalem String Quartet

Sunday, May 4, 2025
3:00 p.m.

The Jerusalem quartet possesses a distinguished 30-year history and is a regular and beloved guest on the world's great concert stages. Their experience has resulted in a wide repertoire and stunning depth of expression, which carries on the string quartet tradition in a unique manner. The ensemble has found its core in a warm, full, human sound and an egalitarian balance between high and low voices. "An absolute triumph. Their playing has everything you could possibly wish for." *BBC Music Magazine*

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