Program

Performed by Pacifica Quartet

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Quartet in F Minor, Op.80
Allegro vivace assai
Allegro assai
Adagio
Finale: Allegro molto

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906 - 1975)
Quartet No. 9, Op. 117
Moderato con moto
Adagio
Allegretto
Adagio
Allegro

Intermission

Performed by both Pacifica Quartet and The Dover Quartet

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Octet in E-flat Major, Op. 20
Allegro moderato con fuoco
Andante
Scherzo: Allegro leggerissimo
Presto

Featuring

Pacifica Quartet
Simin Ganatra, violin
Masumi Per Rostad, viola
Brandon Vamos, cello
Sibbi Bernhardsson, violin

Recognized for its virtuosity, exuberance and often daring repertory choices, the Pacifica Quartet has won several of chamber music’s top competitions, including the Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the Avery Fisher Career Grant. In 2009, the quartet received the Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance and was named Musical America’s Ensemble of the Year. Formed in 1994, the group is based in Bloomington, Indiana. It serves as quartet-in-residence at Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music, where its members are also on the faculty. They are also resident performing artists at the University of Chicago, and have served similar roles at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the University of Illinois.

The Pacifica Quartet tours extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia, performing regularly in the world’s major concert halls. It has established itself as a widely-praised interpreter of string quartet cycles, including performances of Carter, Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Shostakovich. In 2008, the Quartet released its Grammy Award-winning recording of Carter’s quartets Nos. 1 and 5 and followed up with quartets Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in 2009. Pacifica recently released the third of four volumes comprising the entire Shostakovich cycle. Members of the quartet also commission and perform many new works.

The Dover Quartet
Joel Link, violin
Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt, viola
Bryan Lee, violin
Camden Shaw, cello

The Dover Quartet catapulted to international stardom following a sweep of the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. The Quartet also won top prizes at the Fischoff Competition and the Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition. In 2013-14, the Quartet became the first ever quartet-in-residence for the Curtis Institute of Music and the Caramoor Festival. Members of the Quartet have also appeared as soloists with orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Tokyo Philharmonic, among others.

During the 2014-15 season, the Quartet will perform more than 100 concerts throughout the United States, Canada, South America, and Europe. In addition, the Quartet will participate in week-long residencies for Chamber Music Northwest, the Phoenix Chamber Music Festival, and the Chamber Music Society of Logan. The Dover Quartet draws from the musical lineage of the Cleveland, Vermeer, and Guarneri Quartets, having studied at the Curtis Institute and Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music. The Quartet is dedicated to sharing their music with underserved communities and is an active member of Music for Food, an initiative to help musicians fight hunger in their home communities.

Program and personnel subject to change.
As a courtesy to the artists, please remain seated until they have left the hall.
Pacifica Quartet and The Dover Quartet are represented by Melvin Kaplan, Inc.