Escher Quartet
Violins, viola, cello

WITH

Roman Rabinovich
Piano

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 | 7:30 P.M.
WEBCAST LIVE FROM CASPARY AUDITORIUM

Program

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 44, No. 3
- Allegro vivace
- Scherzo; Assai leggero e vivace
- Adagio non troppo
- Molto allegro con fuoco

Eugene Drucker (1952-)
Suite for String Quartet (2017)
- Overture
- Fanfare and Processional
- The Vulnerability of Innocence
- A Tolling of Bells
- Thwarted Lullaby
- Series of Twelve
- Fanfare, Recessional and Coda
- Soliloquy and Fever Dream
- Tritones
- Development
- Heartache
- Afterward

INTERMISSION

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Quintet in F Minor, Op. 34
- Allegro non troppo
- Andante, un poco adagio
- Scherzo: Allegro
- Finale: Poco sostenuto – Allegro non troppo

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Escher String Quartet

The Escher String Quartet has received acclaim for its profound musical insight and rare tonal beauty. A former BBC New Generation Artist, the Quartet has performed at the BBC Proms at Cadogan Hall and is a regular guest at Wigmore Hall in London. In its home town of New York City, the ensemble serves as Season Artists of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, where it has recently performed quartet cycles of Beethoven and Zemlinsky.

The Escher Quartet has made a distinctive impression throughout Europe, with recent debuts including the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Berlin Konzerthaus, London's Kings Place, Slovenian Philharmonic Hall, Les Grands Interprètes Geneva, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and Auditorium du Louvre. With a strong collaborative approach, the group has appeared at festivals such as the Heidelberg Spring Festival, Budapest’s Franz Liszt Academy, Dublin’s Great Music in Irish Houses, the Risør Chamber Music Festival in Norway, the Hong Kong International Chamber Music Festival, and the Perth International Arts Festival in Australia.

In 2013, the Quartet became one of the very few chamber ensembles to be awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. They have collaborated with artists including David Finckel, Leon Fleischer, Wu Han, Lynn Harrell, Cho Liang Lin, Joshua Bell, Paul Watkins, and David Shifrin, as well as jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman, vocalist Kurt Elling, legendary Latin artist Paquito D’Rivera, and Grammy award-winning guitarist Jason Vieaux.

The Escher Quartet takes its name from Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher, inspired by Escher’s method of interplay between individual components working together to form a whole. Currently String Quartet in Residence at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Tuesday Musical in Akron, Ohio, the quartet fervently supports the education of young musicians and has given masterclasses at institutions such as the Royal Academy of Music in London and Campos do Jordão Music Festival in Brazil.

Roman Rabinovich, piano

Praised by The New York Times for his “uncommon sensitivity and feeling,” the eloquent young pianist, Roman Rabinovich, is the winner of the 12th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition. He has performed throughout Europe and the United States in prestigious venues such as Leipzig’s Gewandhaus, London’s Wigmore Hall, the Great Hall of Moscow Conservatory, Cité de la Musique in Paris, and the Terrace Theater at Washington DC’s Kennedy Center.

Dubbed “a true polymath, in the Renaissance sense of the word” by Seen & Heard International in 2016, Mr. Rabinovich is also a composer and visual artist. In summer 2016, he embarked upon the Haydn Project, encompassing recitals of Haydn’s complete keyboard sonatas at Lammermuir and Bath Festivals in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Rabinovich’s 2020-21 highlights include performing Berg’s Kammerkonzert with violinist Kolja Blacher and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, solo recital tours in the United Kingdom, and the United States, including a three-concert Haydn Day in Wigmore Hall, and his debut at the Lofoten Piano Festival. Highlights of recent seasons include appearances with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Sir Roger Norrington, the Seattle Symphony and Ludovic Morlot, the Sarasota Orchestra, Meiningen Orchestra, and solo recitals at the International Piano Series at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Liszt Academy, 92nd Street Y, Vancouver Recital Society, and the Washington Performing Arts Society.

Mr. Rabinovich, “whose mature, self-assured playing belies his chronological age,” as noted by the San Francisco Classical Voice, made his Israel Philharmonic debut under Zubin Mehta at aged 10, having immigrated to Israel a year before from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Mr. Rabinovich was the first of three young pianists to be championed by András Schiff, who selected him for his Building Bridges series. He has performed with all the major Israeli orchestras, Orchestre de Chambre de Paris, KBS Symphony, Prague Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, and many others.
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The university’s laboratory-based structure encourages collaborations between disciplines and empowers faculty members to take on high-risk, high-reward projects. No formal departments exist, bureaucracy is kept to a minimum, and scientists are given resources, support, and unparalleled freedom to follow the science wherever it leads.

The Rockefeller University Community

- 70 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 300 postdoctoral investigators
- 200 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,355 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

Acclaimed Scientists

In the course of Rockefeller’s history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize, including 7 in the last 22 years alone; 25 have received the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation’s highest scientific honor.

At Present, the Scientific Staff at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 8 recipients of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award
- 36 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
- 5 recipients of the National Medal of Science

Some Clinical Concerns under Study

- Aging
- Alcoholism and drug addiction
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Autism
- Cancer
- COVID-19
- Diabetes
- Heart disease and stroke
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- Multiple sclerosis
- Obesity, nutrition, and weight loss
- Parkinson’s disease
- Skin diseases
- Vaccine development
- Vision and hearing disorders

The Rockefeller University Hospital

Established in 1910, The Rockefeller University Hospital was the first hospital in the nation dedicated exclusively to patient-oriented investigations. Patients at the hospital are participants in clinical studies that build on basic research findings from Rockefeller laboratories. This allows the university to maintain an unbroken spectrum of research, from basic to clinical.

Groundbreaking Accomplishments

Among the pioneering discoveries at Rockefeller are many seminal advances that have transformed science and reduced human suffering. Scientists at Rockefeller:

- Discovered that DNA is the basic material of heredity
- Developed the influenza vaccine and vaccines against meningitis
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
- Discovered blood groups and ways to preserve whole blood
- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
- Developed methadone maintenance therapy for people addicted to heroin
- Developed the AIDS “cocktail” drug therapy
- Showed that an adult brain of a higher species can form new nerve cells
- Discovered an obesity gene and the weight-regulating hormone leptin
- Discovered the dendritic cell, a key regulator of the immune system
- Discovered the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C

An Exceptional Place to Learn

Rockefeller’s Ph.D. program offers training in the biomedical and physical sciences. With neighboring Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, the university also offers one of the nation’s top M.D.-Ph.D. programs. In addition, Rockefeller provides intensive postgraduate training. At any one time, some 300 postdoctoral investigators conduct research in university laboratories. Rockefeller’s acclaimed Clinical Scholars Program, a three-year master’s degree program, provides a unique opportunity for recent M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. recipients to begin careers in patient-oriented research. Working with senior faculty members, clinical scholars develop and implement translational research studies at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

Infrastructure that Fosters Collaboration and Interaction

Rockefeller invented the modern bioscience institute, and has spent the past 120 years perfecting it. The university’s beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of lab space, where investigators employ the latest technology to answer the most challenging questions in their fields. The recently completed Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus, featuring the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, provides a number of new amenities, including additional cutting-edge lab space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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