FRY STREET QUARTET WITH VIOLIST TOBY APPEL

Violins, violas, cello

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 | 7:30 P.M. CASPARY AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

March; from Three Divertimenti for String Quartet

Henry Purcell (c. 1659-1695)

Fantasia Upon One Note, for String Quartet, Z. 745

Britten

String Quartet No. 2 in C Major, Op. 36
Allegro calmo, senza rigore
Vivace
Chacony, sostenuto

INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
String Quartet in G minor, K. 516
Allegro
Menuetto: Allegretto
Adagio ma non troppo
Adagio - Allegro

FEATURING

Fry Street Quartet

Robert Waters, violin Bradley Ottesen, viola Rebecca McFaul, violin Anne Francis Bayless, cello

The Fry Street Quartet – hailed as "a triumph of ensemble playing" by *The New* York Times – is a multi-faceted ensemble taking chamber music in new directions. Touring music of the masters as well as exciting original works from visionary composers of our time, this remarkable quartet has perfected a "blend of technical precision and scorching spontaneity" (*The Strad*). Since securing the Grand Prize at the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Quartet has reached audiences around the world, including New York, London, Sarajevo, Jerusalem, and a six-concert China tour culminating at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center. Throughout, the ensemble explores the medium of the string quartet and its life-affirming potential with "profound understanding...depth of expression, and stunning technical astuteness" (Deseret Morning News).

The Quartet's tour repertoire reaches many corners of the musical spectrum, including works of Britten, Schubert, Beethoven, and Bartók, as well as programs of American women composers Laura Kaminsky, Amy Beach, Joan Tower, Libby Larsen, and Brazilian-American Clarice Assad. The Quartet's innovative programming includes their pairing of Bela Bartók's six quartets with Haydn's String Quartets Op. 76, highlighting a juxtaposition of masterpieces by two great innovators for the string quartet. In addition, eminent Bartók scholar Peter Laki joined the Ouartet at the Russell Wanlass Performance Hall at Utah State University for commentary during their complete Bartok Cycle performance.

The Fry Street Quartet is pleased to hold the Dan C. and Manon Caine Russell Endowed String Quartet Residency at the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University.

Toby Appel, viola

Violist Toby Appel was a winner of Young Concert Artists Auditions and has appeared throughout the U.S. and abroad as a recitalist, concerto soloist, and chamber musician. He was a former member of the Lenox, Audubon, and Tashi Quartets and has appeared at the Angel Fire, Marlboro, Mostly Mozart, Chamber Music Northwest, Ravinia, Santa Fe, Seattle, and Great Mountains (Korea) festivals among others.

Mr. Appel is a frequent commentator for National Public Radio's *Performance* Today program. He was formerly on the faculty of the State University of New York—Binghamton, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of New Mexico— Albuquerque, and Carnegie Mellon University. Mr. Appel trained at the Curtis Institute of Music with Max Aronoff and Joseph DePasquale. He has been on the college faculty at The Juilliard School since 1990 and on the school's Pre-College faculty since 1999.

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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
- 210 postdoctoral investigators
- 270 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,395 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 23 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
- 7 recipients of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award
- 34 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
- 3 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, more than 200 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 Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus, which opened in 2019 and features 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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