

# MODIGLIANI QUARTET

Violins, viola, cello

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.  
CASPARY AUDITORIUM

## PROGRAM

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Quartet in G Major, K. 156 (134b)

*Presto*

*Adagio*

*Tempo di menuetto*

*Adagio*

Elise Bertrand (b. 2000)

Lui e loro (Him and Them) for String Quartet\*

(in one movement)

New York premiere

Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)

Italian Serenade for String Quartet in G Major

*Molto vivo*

## INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

Crisantemi

*Andante mesto*

Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Quartet in E Minor

*Allegro*

*Andantino*

*Prestissimo*

*Scherzo Fuga. Allegro assai mosso*

\*commissioned by the Modigliani Quartet

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## FEATURING

### Modigliani Quartet

Amaury Coeytaux, violin      Laurent Marfaing, viola  
Loïc Rio, violin      François Kieffer, cello

The Paris-based Modigliani Quartet, founded in 2003, is a regular guest of the world's top venues and finest string quartet and chamber music series. A year after their founding, the Quartet won three First Prizes successively at the Eindhoven International Competition (2004), the Vittorio Rimbotti in Florence (2005), and the prestigious Young Concert Artists Auditions in New York (2006). It was a special honor for the quartet to be the first string quartet to perform in the big hall of the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg when it opened in 2017.

In addition to annual tours in the United States and in Asia, the Quartet's numerous European tours have brought them to Wigmore Hall, the Paris Philharmonie, the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, the Berlin Philharmonie, the Vienna Konzerthaus, and the Saint-Petersburg Philharmonia. In 2020, the Quartet became Artistic Director of the string quartet festival Quatuors à Bordeaux, as well as the renowned Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition.

In December 2020, the Modigliani Quartet celebrated the world premiere of the string quartet "Split Apart," which was composed especially for them by the British composer Mark Anthony Turnage. The piece has its origins in the UK's referendum to leave or remain in the European Union: the composer's despair and anger at the Brexit vote are channeled into the work.

Amaury Coeytaux plays a 1773 violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, Loïc Rio plays a 1780 violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, Laurent Marfaing plays a 1660 viola by Luigi Mariani, and François Kieffer plays a 1706 cello by Matteo Goffriller. The Modigliani Quartet extends its thanks SPEDIDAM for its help.

### Program Note

*Lui e loro (Him and Them)*

"Among the pines and cypresses that surround the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the remains of the war, shrapnel and soldiers; the inhabitants are on the ground. In the midst of all this annihilation, the white statue of Christ remains immaculate. He is looking up to the sky, and his curls are intact. Preserved from human violence, it carries a message of hope and resilience alongside the smoking ruins.

Through a musical narrative in several sections, we can hear the bombings, with the fear, the march, the processions, a rain of hell around the Abbey of Monte Cassino, in Italy. And this unscathed statue of Christ, teaching us, consoling us, urging us to stop this violence. The quartet ends in a pure, consonant harmonic fabric, as if soothed by this message of hope." - *Elise Bertrand*

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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
- 255 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,431 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

## Acclaimed Scientists

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize; 25 have received a Lasker Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

## At Present, the Faculty at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 6 recipients of Lasker Awards
- 33 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
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Autism
- Cancer
- COVID-19
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- 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 vaccines against meningitis and pneumococcal pneumonia
- 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 122 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of laboratory 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 laboratory space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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