

Biographies des Ensembles du Concert Schulich #3

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1. Amethyst Quartet

Edgar Donati, violin
Chris Stork, violin
William Thain, viola
Rebecca Richmond, cello

Formed in an already present milieu of glowing friendship betwixt the four players, the Amethyst Quartet first pulled notes together in early September 2016. Currently engaged in their own individual performance studies at the Schulich School of Music at McGill University, all members share a deep-rooted passion and enjoyment of chamber music. Despite their relatively short relationship together as a string quartet, they have already cultivated several great and contrasting works in the repertoire and have had the pleasure of giving many public performances. Under the supreme guidance of their coaches, Professor Douglas McNabney and Denise Lupien, theirs is a budding ensemble in which the harnessing of musical comradery, sweeping sensitivities, and dashing exuberance coalesce into an engaging dynamic.

2. Elsa Quartet

Ladusa Chang-Ou, violin
Sarah Ng, violin
Adriana Arcila Tascon, viola
Eleanor Hopwood, cello

Hailing from places diverse as Colombia, Singapore, Victoria and Montreal, the Elsa quartet is proud to make its debut at the McCord Museum. Its members are currently studying at the McGill School of Music, and are enrolled in the Chamber Music Program. Violist Adriana Arcila Tascon is currently enrolled in the studio of Steven Dann, while violinists Ladusa Chang-Ou and Sarah Ng are under the tutelage of Axel Strauss and Mark Fewer respectively. Cellist Ella Hopwood is currently under the tutelage of Elizabeth Dolin.

3. The Velká Ryba Quintet

Alexia Hlynialuk, violin
Claire Motyer, violin
Alice Norris, viola
Thomas Beard, cello
Frederick Speer, double bass

The newly formed Velká Ryba Quintet unites five accomplished instrumentalists majoring in performance at McGill University's Schulich School of Music. Together, they are exploring the scale and flow of Dvořák's magnificent second String Quintet. The members study with Felicia Moye, André Roy, Yegor Dyachkov, and Brian Robinson, and are coached by Denise Lupien.

4.

Myriam Roy, clarinet
Tomo Newton, violin
Ji won Kwon, violin
Jeffrey Ho, viola
Bryce Penny, cello

This new quintet started playing together in January and is delighted to perform as a group for the first time. The group consists of performance students from McGill University: Tomo Newton and Jiwon Kwon (violins), Myriam Roy (clarinet), Jeffrey Ho (viola) and Bryce Penny (cello). We have the pleasure of working with Denise Lupien (violinist) and Simon Aldrich (clarinetist) during our practice sessions. We look forward to playing together again in the future.