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Happy Retirement, Ann Divine!

Fischoff Executive Director 1994–2018



Congratulations, Ann!

Since 1994 you have been the guiding light of the Fischoff.

Under your direction, the competition has become one of the largest and most prestigious classical music competitions in the world.

You've spread chamber music love all around as you brought ensembles to schools and living rooms, concert halls and festivals, and across the world wide web.

You've been a mentor, a mom, and a cheerleader to thousands of young musicians.

You've been an advocate for the arts in education.

You've been a teacher, a scholar, a leader and a dear friend.

What would have happened to Fischoff without you? We shudder at the thought! But now you are ready for others to continue what you have nurtured for so long, and to take the next steps on your own journey.

We thank you for all you have done, and we wish you the very best for the future!

— John and Jeny Sejdinaj (and a cast of thousands!)



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 11, 2018

Welcome!

On behalf of the City of South Bend, I am excited to welcome you to the 45th annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition.

Since its founding by Joseph E. Fischoff and the South Bend Chamber of Music Society in 1973, the Fischoff National Chamber Music Association has had far reaching benefits for our community, state, and nation. I applaud the Fischoff Competition and its important role in supporting the growth of the arts as the only national chamber music organization that specifically provides a structure within which young musicians can share their skills.

Here in South Bend, we value the importance of the arts and pride ourselves in the outstanding South Bend Symphony Orchestra, Morris Performing Arts Center, and more. While you are visiting, I invite you to explore South Bend's wonderful attractions and facilities that make our city a regional center for the arts.

You have worked hard to prepare for this competition. Congratulations on qualifying for the nation's largest chamber music competition; everyone here is already a winner. Once again, welcome to South Bend. Enjoy all the music, and please visit us again soon!

Sincerely.

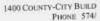
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May 11, 2018



Fischoff National Chamber Music Association Marie DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dear Friends,

I'm sorry I cannot be with you at the 45th annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition at the University of Notre Dame, but I want to congratulate the participants on being selected to the nation's largest chamber music competition.

Indiana has a rich legacy of contributions to arts and arts education, and this competition adds to that history.

Each of the students participating in the events brings with them unique musical talents and skills that Hoosiers are lucky to experience. This competition has served as a building block for thousands of young people, who have gained valuable experience. In fact, many have gone on to pursue careers in musical performance or education.

To all of the participants in this year's competition, I wish you the best of luck, and thank you again for sharing your talents and contributing to our state's tradition of arts education.

On behalf of Hoosiers, we welcome you to Indiana, and we hope you enjoy our hospitality. Once again, congratulations on being selected to perform in this competition.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly United States Senator







LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Young people don't always get good press. These days, people of my generation are particularly prone to moan about how much time the young spend glued to their devices. As they hardly look up from their smartphones as they walk along the street, so wrapped up in what they see there that they hardly notice me walking towards them, I find that their delight in their virtual worlds stops them from seeing the beauties – and indeed the dangers – of the world around them. Watching four students

sitting at a table, I worry that they never speak to each other or even look at each other, only staring at their screens as they tap away.

If you feel like that – and, if you're young, you know that most older people do think like that – then the pleasures of the Fischoff competition come as a welcome shock. As you watch an ensemble play, you notice how extraordinarily alert they are to each other, to every sound and to every movement they make, so that they can seem almost uncannily aware, hearing and seeing in a way that is hyper-sensitive of each nuance of the others' eyes, fingers, bodies and, of course, instruments. There is nothing virtual here, only the true reality of each other's presence, of sharing in the world of collaborative music-making, always highly conscious of the

contribution each is making to that remarkable, harmonized whole, that unique sound that the ensemble is trying so hard to create.

Playing in an ensemble can seem more like work than play. But I always see, in all the groups performing across the days of the competition, that they are being playful too, that this work is also play, that the profound delight that they experience in their achievements – and that they work to turn into our pleasure – is the result of playing together, in that sense of play that all children know and that most of us start to forget in our adult world. As I admire the performances that come from their talents and the endless hours of rehearsal, I also enjoy the fun they are having, the joy they show us. And, even though I know that backstage they too are more than likely to be found staring at their smartphones, I love the fact that what it takes to make great music together has not changed in our electronic world and that these young musicians do what young musicians always have done – but with a brilliance that I deeply envy.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of their playing (in both senses) – and switch off your smartphone!

Sincerely,

Peter Holland, President

From the Artistic Director...



Saying "Goodbye and Thank you" to Fischoff Executive Director Ann Divine is difficult. The tremendous growth of this organization would not have happened without her leadership these past 24 years. She is a brilliant arts administrator, but more importantly an amazing person and much more than a colleague to all of us on the staff...she is a dear friend. I am also excited to welcome incoming Executive Director Carmen Creel and am confident that she will continue to help the Fischoff forge

ahead. As artists and supporters of the arts, it is imperative that we make our voices heard and expect a better future where the Arts are recognized for the vital role they play in our world.

To the Performers: I urge you all to take as much as you can from this weekend. My colleagues and I take great care to make your experience here a positive one. Hopefully you will be one of the prize-winning ensembles. But, there is so much you can do to learn and improve while you are here. Do so by enjoying your opportunity to perform, getting both written and verbal feedback from the jurors, listening to other ensembles in both the Junior and Senior Divisions to gain perspective on your own playing, and by getting to know other musicians who are here. Perhaps in the future you will be playing with someone you first met here. Ultimately, you may or may not agree with the difficult decisions the jury must make. Remember that even in your own ensembles you undoubtedly do not always agree with your colleagues. Playing your best is the only thing you can control. Enjoying yourself and staying focused on the music is the best way to achieve that. Best of luck to all of you.

To our audience and supporters: I give my thanks for your engaged involvement and a plea for your continued support to the wonderful people and organizations that help fund the Fischoff, and especially to the amazing people on the Fischoff Board.

To the Fischoff Staff: We have different skills, personalities and styles, but there is tremendous chemistry and trust that leads to creativity and success. I consider you close friends, feel blessed to know and work with you and greatly appreciate all you do.

Thirty-eight years ago shortly after starting a residency here with the Chester String Quartet, I was asked to become the Artistic Advisor of the small committee of volunteers, spearheaded by Joe Fischoff, that ran

the small and relatively unknown competition. The Fischoff has grown into an arts organization of both regional, national and growing international importance that has been a key player in the huge growth of chamber music in pre-college, college and professional levels. In addition, the Fischoff impacts thousands of local school children that experience dynamic and creative chamber music presentations, most often given by ensembles from the current or past competitions. Throughout this transformation, I am proud that the original educational goals of Joe Fischoff and the other founding members have remained intact at the core of the organization.

Thomas Rosenberg Artistic Director

Cellist Thomas Rosenberg, Artistic Director of the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition since 1981, is nationally known as a dynamic teacher, chamber music coach, and performer. A resident of Saint Paul, MN, he is on the faculties of Macalester and Carleton Colleges, maintains an award-winning private studio of pre-college cellists and chamber ensembles and is Director of the Saint Paul Conservatory's Chamber Music Academy. He is a member of the Schubert Piano Trio, the Isles Ensemble, has performed as an extra musician in the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra and blogs on and has been a live internet chat host on the Cellobello website. He is a three-time Naumburg Award finalist, recipient of top chamber music prizes at the Munich (Germany), Portsmouth (England), and Chicago's "Discovery" Competitions, the "Master Studio Teacher Award" from ASTA Minnesota, the McKnight Performing Artist Fellowship Award, Arts Educator of the Year from the Michiana Arts and Sciences Council, and the 2007 Indiana Governor's Arts Award (along with the Fischoff organization as a whole). Previously, he was a founding member of the highly acclaimed Chester String Quartet with whom he toured internationally for twenty years, made numerous recordings and was on the faculty of Indiana University South Bend from 1980-1998. He has performed and taught at many summer festivals including Aspen and Tanglewood and served as Associate Director and taught at "The Quartet Program." Tom is a graduate of Oberlin and the Eastman School of Music where he was teaching assistant to both Paul Katz and Laurence Lesser. Other teachers include Richard Kapuscinski, Alan Harris, Alta Mayer, and for chamber music, members of the Budapest, Juilliard, Tokyo, Guarneri, and Cleveland Quartets.

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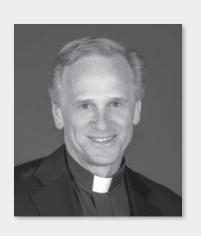
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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. President

May 11, 2018



Dear Fischoff Competition Participants and Guests,

Welcome to the University of Notre Dame and to the 45th Annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition. We are delighted to host this wonderful event each year.

Since its inception in 1973, the Fischoff National Chamber Music Association has been living out its mission of "inspiring lives through breathtaking performances." The Association's support of the nation's finest young chamber ensembles and its extensive community outreach benefit young people from all backgrounds and are to be commended.

Congratulations to all participants and to those who love and support them on the honor of being selected for the nation's largest chamber music competition. Best wishes in your musical pursuits and in your very bright future.

In Notre Dame,

Rev. John LJenkins, C.S.C.

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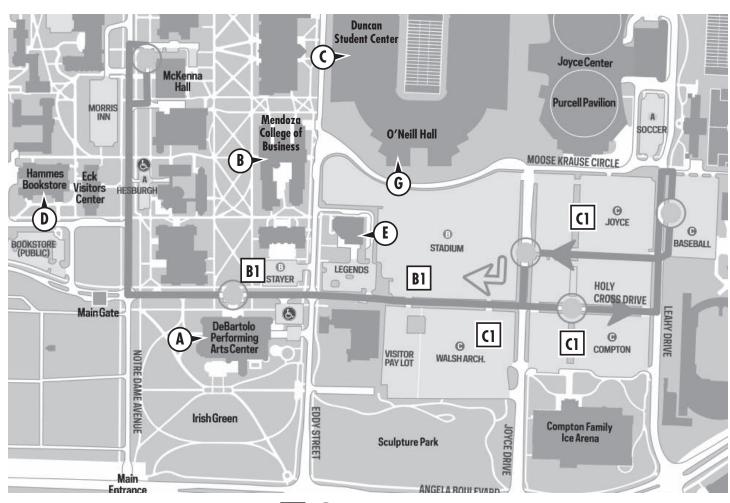
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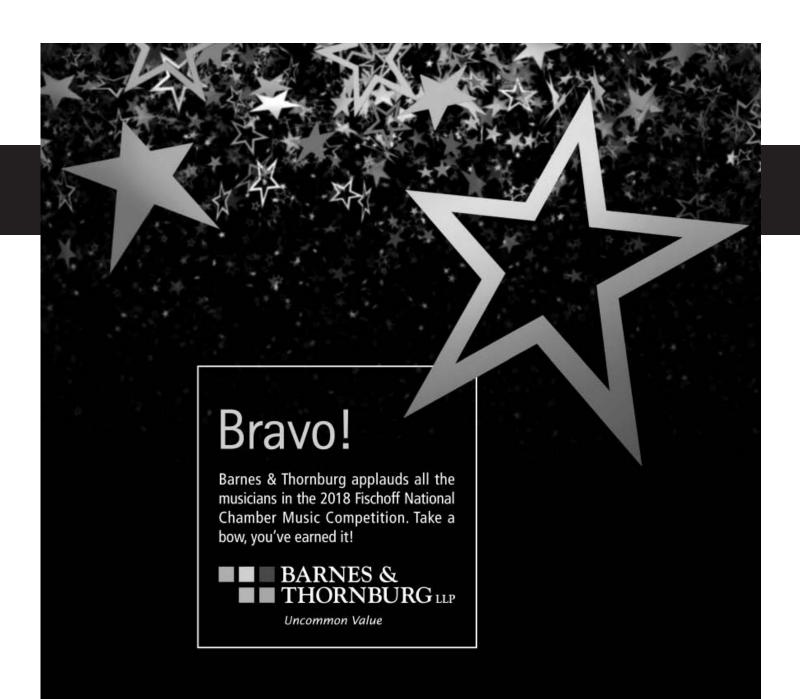
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Congratulations to Competition Director Miki Strabley on winning the 2017 Visit South Bend Mishawaka Tourism Award.

THE FISCHOFF STAFF



Ann Divine, Executive Director, joined the Fischoff staff in 1994. She received her undergraduate degree in Music Education from Indiana University South Bend and her Master of Arts degree from Andrews University. She taught music classes at area colleges and universities for twenty years. Ms. Divine is a member of the

University of Notre Dame's Performing Arts Advisory Council, and the Community Advisory Council of WNIT Public Television.



Pam O'Rourke, a long-time friend and volunteer of Fischoff, joined the staff as Education Director in July, 2004. With a background in community relations and preschool education, she has also been active in community theatre and the arts. Pam attended Eastern Montana College and looks forward to hikes in Montana and trips

to catch up with her three daughters and two amazing grandsons in Southern California. Pam lives in Granger, with her husband, Jim.



Miki Strabley, Competition Director, joined Fischoff in August 2000. She holds degrees in English Literature and Political Science from Saint Mary's College, and Master's Degrees from Indiana University South Bend and the University of Notre Dame. In her spare time, Miki volunteers as a Girl Scout leader and

basketball coach at Holy Cross Grade School and plays the trumpet in Notre Dame's University and Summer Bands. She lives in South Bend with her husband Chris, daughter Molly Clare and dogs, Maggie & Copper.



Carrie Lehman joined the Fischoff staff as Media Director in 2012; however, she has been a part of the Competition Staff for 22 years, most recently as the weekend's Junior Division Quarterfinals Manager. Carrie works as an Administrative & Marketing Assistant in Chicago and she also has her own business,

Hazel Street Designs. She often travels back to Indiana to spoil her adorable niece & nephews. Carrie received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Spring Arbor University.

THE COMPETITION STAFF



Amanda Slagle is a 2001 graduate of Valparaiso University with a degree in Music Business. Ms. Slagle has been with Fischoff since 2001. After many years working in violin shops including Shar Music and Terra Nova Violins, she now puts her music degree to use in the exciting field of tax law. She remains an active

freelance violinist and violist and is a member of the South Texas Symphonic Orchestra. Although an avid Green Bay Packers fan who still considers Wisconsin home, Amanda currently lives in San Antonio, TX with her husband Doug, daughter Aurelia, beagle The Todd and Tater Tot, the not-so-brilliant pit bull.



Tessa Bysong earned her bachelor's degree in Business and Political Science from the University of Notre Dame in 2006. She received her Master of Business Administration degree from INSEAD business school, studying in Paris and Singapore. She now lives in Chicago with her husband and son and works for the man-



Annie Geary is in her fourth year as a Competition Assistant. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame. She works as an administrative assistant in the Notre Dame Development Office, where she has been for the last 21 years. Annie is on the board of the Montessori Academy at Edison Lakes

and plays the trumpet in Notre Dame's University and Summer Bands. She lives in South Bend with her husband Kevin, who is a senior operations analyst for Accelerated Analytics. Their daughter Charlie graduated from Notre Dame last May with a degree in Civil Engineering and works for Lawson Fisher Associates in South Bend.

agement consulting firm Bain & Co.

FISCHOFF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Fischoff National Advisory Council advises the Fischoff Board of Directors on matters of a national scope. Each member brings a unique perspective on the nature of the arts in America.



Named Musical America's Musician of the Year, pianist **Wu Han** ranks among the most esteemed and influential classical musicians in the world today. Leading an unusually multifaceted artistic career, she has risen to international prominence as a concert performer, recording artist, educator, arts administrator, and cultural entrepreneur. Wu Han appears regularly at many of the world's

most prestigious concert series and venues, as both soloist and chamber musician: she tours extensively with cellist David Finckel, and in piano trios with Philip Setzer. Together with David Finckel, Wu Han serves as Artistic Codirector of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS), and they are the founding Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo in the Silicon Valley as well as Artistic Directors of Chamber Music Today, an annual festival in Seoul, South Korea. Wu Han's wide-ranging musical activities also include the launch of ArtistLed, classical music's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company, whose 19-album catalogue has won widespread acclaim. This is a milestone season as the label turns twenty in 2018. Passionately committed to education, she taught alongside the late Isaac Stern at Carnegie Hall and the Jerusalem Music Center for many years, and in 2013, she established the Finckel-Wu Han Chamber Music Studio at the Aspen Music Festival and School.



Massimo Mercelli is artistic director and founder of Italy's Emilia Romagna Festival. Since 2001 he has been a member of the advisory board of the European Festivals Association (EFA). He has performed at some of the world's most prestigious concert halls including London's Wigmore Hall, Salzburg's Mozarteum, Carnegie Hall, the Berliner Philharmonie with Berliner Philarmoniker, NCPA

in Beijing, and in the Grand Hall of Moscow Conservatory. He regularly performs with artists such as Yuri Bashmet, Valery Gergiev, Krzysztof Penderecki, Philip Glass, Michael Nyman, Massimo Quarta, Ennio Morricone, and Luis Bacalov. He played the first performance of Philip Glass's composition "Façades." In 2012 Orange Mountain Records released "Massimo Mercelli Performs Philip Glass" a recording of chamber music for flute. Mr. Mercelli has been an adjudicator at various competitions including the International Competition of Geneva, Concours de Flute Jean-Pierre Rampal – Concours Internationaux de la Ville de Paris, Concert Artist Guild of New York, Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, and the Beijing Flute Competition. Recent engagements include recordings of Bach's sonatas with Ramin Bahrami, and a concert for the 80th anniversary of Kzrysztof Penderecki with the Warsaw Philharmonic. Mr. Mercelli has been recognized by the European Commissioner for Culture and by the French Deputy Minister for Culture for his work as a promoter of music.



Vincent D. Rougeau became Dean of Boston College Law School on July 1, 2011. He previously served as a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, and as a member of the Fischoff Board of Directors. Dean Rougeau is a leading voice for reform in legal education in the US and abroad and an expert in Catholic social thought. He and his wife, Dr. Robin Kornegay-Rougeau,

have been active supporters of the arts in South Bend and in greater Boston for many years. Their three sons, all began music education at early ages and have studied and performed in the Weston, MA public schools, at Boston College, and at Berklee College of Music. Their eldest son, Christian, is a violinist who performs with the band *Juice*.



Heidi Castleman teaches viola at The Juilliard School. Former faculty: Cleveland Institute of Music, Eastman School of Music, New England Conservatory, SUNY-Purchase, Rice University, and Philadelphia Musical Academy. Taught and performed at the Sarasota Music Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Banff Centre, Blossom Music Festival, Great Mountain Music Festival, the

Orford Arts Center, the Perlman Music Program, and currently at the Aspen Music Festival and Heifetz Institute; co-founder and viola faculty of the Quartet program (1970–90). Member of New York String Sextet; guest artist with Cleveland, Audubon, Lydian, and Cavani Quartets. Master classes and lecture-demonstrations at the Hochschule fur Musik both in Vienna and Lubeck, Mozarteum in Salzburg, and in Shanghai, Montreal, Chicago, Dallas, Interlochen, and Boulder. Founding trustee and president (1983–87) of Chamber Music America. ASTA Ohio Teacher of the Year, 1994; recipient of the 2001 Chamber Music America Richard J. Bogomolny National Service Award; 2002 ASTA with N.S.O.A. National Artist-Teacher of the Year, 2004 AVS Maurice W. Riley Viola Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Viola; 2006 honorary doctorate from University of Montreal.



Paul Katz was cellist of the internationally acclaimed Cleveland Quartet from 1969-1995. The first classical artists ever to appear on the Grammy Awards Telecast (1973), they performed at the White House, and were subjects of a major documentary on the Arts and Entertainment channel, "In the Mainstream—The Cleveland Quartet." The CQ played in

most of the great concert halls and music capitals of the world, made 70 recordings, earning Best of the Year Awards from Time Magazine and Stereo Review, 11 Grammy nominations and 2 Grammy Awards. Recordings of special interest to cellists are Mr. Katz's Dohnanyi Cello Sonata and the Cleveland Quartet's Schubert Quintet for two cellos with Paul Katz and Yo-Yo Ma. "Talent Has Hunger," directed by Academy Award nominated Director Josh Aronson, is a film on Paul Katz and his teaching now showing in theaters and available on iTunes, Amazon and CelloBello.com. "Talent Has Hunger" has received rave reviews and will be seen on PBS stations in 2018. Mr. Katz teaches at the New England Conservatory, where he is on the cello and chamber music faculties and mentors some of the world's leading young string quartets in NEC's Professional String Quartet Training Program. In 2010, he created CelloBello.com, an online resource center for cellists worldwide featuring Katz's video lessons in seven languages, interviews, blogs, live cello chats, streamed concerts and masterclasses by many of the world's greatest artist/teachers. Katz was a cello student of Gregor Piatigorsky, János Starker, Bernard Greenhouse, Gabor Rejto and Leonard Rose.



Anna M. Thompson most recently served as the Associate Vice President for UABs Alys Stephens Center. She elevated visibility for the Alys Stephens Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham through innovative programming and expensive arts-in-education programming. Previously Thompson served as the executive director of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

and the endowed Judd & Mary Lou Leighton Director of the Performing Arts at the University of Notre Dame from 2007-2015. She came to the University of Notre Dame after ten years as the executive director for fine arts programming at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (MN). Prior to holding the position in Minnesota, she served as an arts administrator in Indianapolis for 14 years, at Butler University and the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Thompson specializes as a curator of performing arts programming and develops interdisciplinary visiting artist residency projects. She has commissioned more than sixty new works in music, dance, and theater and film scores during her career, which have toured nationally and internationally. She has more than thirty years' experience as an arts administrator and arts educator. She currently serves on Fischoff National Chamber Competition's national advisory council and the Development Committee of the International Society for the Performing Arts (ISPA). Thompson is a member of Chamber Music America, the Association of Performing Arts Professionals, International Society for the Performing Arts and DANCE/USA.



Dennis Bamber received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from Indiana University. Following a career as both teacher and performer, Mr. Bamber founded the Woodwind & Brasswind. Over the course of his 25+ years of leadership, the company became one of the most successful retailers of instruments in the world. In addition, Mr. Bamber was a founder of WoodBrass.com,

one of Europe's most successful companies. He was majority partner with the company for over 10 years. Presently, he is president of the Barrington Music Group, an import musical instrument company that sells its own brands to schools, individual musicians, music store dealers and Amazon. The line includes such famous names as Roy Benson, one of Europe's leading brands, Barrington, and LA SAX, which is the instrument of choice of many great jazz saxophone artists.



John Haynes is President of Bard Arts Consulting, a firm that specializes in the development of new cultural facilities and executive search for senior-level performing arts leaders. John was previously CEO of a \$200 million performing arts center development project in Bellevue, Washington, working with the same architectural team that designed and built

the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Haynes was the founding executive director of the DeBartolo Center and the inaugural Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Director for the Performing Arts at the University of Notre Dame. He is a past President of the Western Arts Alliance. Mr. Haynes has also served as chief executive of large cultural institutions in Minneapolis and San Diego, and has been active as a national advocate for public arts funding, an NEA panelist, a frequent lecturer on the role of cultural institutions in community building and economic development, and a cultural consultant to a variety of private and public entities. His early career included a decade as a program executive for CBS Television Network in New York and Viacom in Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Haynes lives in Portland, Oregon.

THE FISCHOFF NATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC ASSOCIATION



FISCHOFF'S MISSION
Inspiring lives through breathtaking performances

HISTORY OF THE FISCHOFF

In 1973, Joseph E. Fischoff and fellow members of the South Bend Chamber Music Society sought an innovative way of encouraging young people to pursue chamber music study and performance. The idea of a competition arose, and that first year, six ensembles participated.

Little did the society members know how their idea would grow. Today, still at home in South Bend, Indiana, the Fischoff Competition is the largest chamber music competition in the world. Each year, an average of 135 ensembles, representing 28 nationalities, enter in either the wind or string categories of three to six performers. Since its founding, more than 6,800 musicians have participated, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in music performance and education.

Committed to music education, the Fischoff uniquely partners with competition alumni to bring free, innovative music programs directly to children in their own schools and community centers. Known as the Fischoff Arts-in-Education Residency, these programs have served more than 70,000 community children since 1995 and reach more than 4,000 underserved and at-risk young people every year. Additionally, Fischoff offers several programs to support and encourage area high school-aged musicians.

JOSEPH E. FISCHOFF 1907–1992



Joe Fischoff loved music, especially chamber music. Born in Hungary in 1907, his family settled in South Bend where he graduated from South Bend High School in 1925. As a young man, he simultaneously attended Philadelphia's Wharton School of Business and the Curtis Institute of Music. In 1929, he graduated from

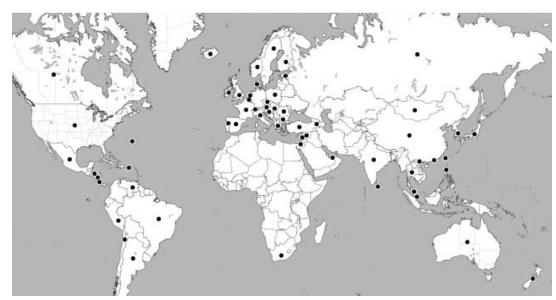
Wharton with a degree in Economics while studying viola with Louis Bailley and chamber music at Curtis. When the first orchestra was started at Curtis, conductor Leopold Stokowski invited Joe to audition, and he played in the viola section.

While he did not professionally pursue music, he played chamber music in his home every week for as long as he could continue to play. In the furniture business by trade, Joe was a musician at heart and loved to encourage young people to continue the art of chamber music through the Fischoff Competition.

As the competition grew, so did the temptation to become like all other competitions. He quietly insisted that this competition be different. It was to be founded in education and mentoring. His goal became ours—to provide a positive and constructive experience for all musicians. Because of him, Fischoff not only seeks out excellence, but also seeks the education of as many people as possible to be chamber musicians, to listen to chamber music, and most of all, to love chamber music.

51 countries and territories watched the 2017 live streaming of the Fischoff Competition. It was a world event!

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THE 45TH ANNUAL FISCHOFF COMPETITION





Honorary Chair, Reverend Edward "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C. President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame

How the Jury Selects the Winner

How does a juror make his or her selection of the "best" ensemble from all the competitors? It can be a Herculean task. The distinguished jurors of the 2018 Competition do have some formulas on which they can rely. However, their decisions are guided primarily by their own musical integrity and experience as performers and instructors. They listen for interpretation — tempi and dynamics; ensemble performance —balance within the ensemble, blend, and unity of the members; technical accuracy—rhythm and intonation; and overall performance —poise, artistic impression, and expression.

Jurors individually rank the ensembles in each division. These rankings are combined, then averaged for each ensemble to arrive at a group's composite ranking. Rankings are a good method for determining the prize winners, but the real value for these young musicians comes from the written comments of the jurors. The juror evaluations are distributed to all performing ensembles at the completion of the Competition. From these written comments, the musicians gain valuable and constructive feedback, which is intended to stimulate their growth as artists and ensembles.

Identifying conflict of interest issues is very important to the integrity of the competition. Conflicts of interest between jurors and ensembles or any individuals within an ensemble are carefully identified and handled appropriately.

"As Honorary Chair of the 45th Fischoff Competition, I welcome you to our campus. We pride ourselves on a strong sense of hospitality and friendly welcome, and I hope that both qualities characterize your time here. One of the centerpieces of our commitment here to the fine and performing arts is the DeBartolo Center with its five venues. We hope that you perform to the best of your abilities. Good luck to all of you."

Cordially, Rev. Edward 'Monk' Malloy, C.S.C., President Emeritus

HISTORY OF THE COMPETITION

South Bend is proud to be the home of one of the nation's premier musical events, the renowned Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition. Founded in 1973 by Joseph E. Fischoff and members of the South Bend Chamber Music Society, this prestigious event was originally intended to encourage emerging instrumental chamber musicians and provide a national forum for their talents. In that first year, six ensembles participated.

Today, the original mission remains constant and has broadened to include Senior String and Wind Divisions as well as a Junior Division for musicians age 18 and under. It is the largest chamber music competition in the world. The scope of Fischoff has also grown by utilizing the talents of these amazing young musicians through community outreach programs and by designing Arts-in-Education Residencies that bring Fischoff alumni as well as other chamber music ensembles back to the community for outreach programs.

ALUMNI

Thousands of outstanding musicians claim the Fischoff as a defining musical experience in their lives. To these alumni, we offer the opportunity to stay connected with the Fischoff, and to benefit from ongoing relationships with lifetime friends and chamber musicians, venue hosts, presenters and educators. If you are a past participant in the Fischoff competition, we invite you to stay connected with us online at www.fischoff.org, facebook.com/TheFischoff and twitter.com/Fischoff.

2018 COMPETITION STATISTICS

Countries and territories represented in entries: 28
 Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Germany, Honduras, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Republic of Georgia, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam

• States represented in entries: 25

• Youngest participant: 13

• Website views: 101,416 (in past 365 days)

• YouTube views: 134,044 (in past 365 days)

 Live streaming of the 2017 competition reached 4,933 global viewers in 58 countries.



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The Milton Quartet (left to right): Joshua Morris, Evan Robinson, Maïthéna Girault, Roman Fraser.

THE 2017 DOUBLE GOLD TOURS

Fischoff was pleased to send both 2017 Gold Medal Winners from the Senior Division on tour this past fall. The Double Gold Tour showcased the **Milton String Quartet** and the **Fuego Quartet** as they presented concerts and education outreach programs to more than 5,000 children, youth and adults throughout the Midwest. These amazing ensembles were fantastic ambassadors for Fischoff. We are tremendously proud of these young musicians and the effect their programs had on audiences throughout the Midwest.

THE 2018 DOUBLE GOLD TOUR

Fischoff is pleased to again offer tours to both Gold Medalist ensembles in the Senior Wind and Senior String Divisions. Venues for the 2018 Gold Medalists will include

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Italy

Summer 2019: Emilia Romagna Festival

SENIOR WIND DIVISION TOUR September 19–28, 2018

Illinois

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, concert, Chicago

Indiana

Culver Academies, masterclass & concert, Culver Goshen College, Rieth Chamber Series, concert, Goshen Valparaiso University, concert, Valparaiso Wabash College, Visiting Artist Series, concert, Crawfordsville Various educational outreach programs, South Bend & Elkhart

Pennsylvania

Thiel College, Greenville

SENIOR STRING DIVISION TOUR October 20–28, 2018

Illinois

 $Dame\ Myra\ Hess\ Memorial\ Concert\ Series, concert,\ Chicago$

Indiana

University of Notre Dame, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Presenting Artists Series, concert, Notre Dame Various educational outreach programs, South Bend & Elkhart

Michigan

Andrews University, Howard Performing Arts Series, masterclass & concert, Berrien Springs Various educational outreach programs, St. Joseph

Fischoff 2017 Grand Prize Winner: THE MILTON STRING QUARTET, October 11–18, 2017

The Milton String Quartet, winner of both the Gold and Grand Prize Medals performed five concerts, one soiree, two masterclasses, and three music workshops as part of the Grand Prize Tour.

Con Spirito Chamber Music Concert Series, Thiel College, Greenville, PA

The Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL, Broadcast & streamed live on Chicago WFMT 98.7FM

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Presenting Series, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Penn High School Orchestra, workshop & masterclass, Mishawaka, IN

Perley Fine Arts Academy, outreach, South Bend, IN

Rieth Chamber Series, Goshen College Music Center, Goshen, IN

St. Joseph High School Orchestra, workshop & masterclass, St. Joseph, MI

Valparaiso University Center for the Arts, Guest Artist Concert, Valparaiso, IN

Watson Soiree, Granger, IN



Milton String Quartet music program at Perley Fine Arts Academy, South Bend





Fuego Quartet (left to right): Erik Elmgren, Gabriel Piqué, Harrison Clarke, and Nicki Roman

Fuego Quartet, band workshop, Upton Middle School, St. Joseph, MI

Fischoff 2017 Wind Division Gold Medal Winner: FUEGO QUARTET, October 25–31, 2017

The Fuego Quartet performed seven concerts, eight band workshops, four masterclasses and one community outreach program as part of the Double Gold Tour.

Culver Academies, band workshop, saxophone masterclass & concert, Culver, IN The Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL_i Broadcast & streamed live on Chicago WFMT 98.7FM

Discovery Middle School, band workshop & saxophone masterclass, Granger, IN Howard Center Presents Concert Series, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI John Young Middle School, band workshops, Mishawaka, IN LaSalle Intermediate Academy, band workshops, South Bend, IN Michigan State University, masterclass & concert, East Lansing, MI Rieth Chamber Series, Goshen College Music Center, Goshen, IN St. Joseph High School Orchestra, workshop & masterclass, St. Joseph, MI University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Visiting Artists Recital, Urbana, IL University of Notre Dame Center for Arts & Culture, community outreach,

Upton Middle School, band workshops, St. Joseph, MI Waubonsie Valley High School, workshop & masterclass, Aurora, IL Winds of the Garden Outdoor Performance, Wellfield Botanic Garden, Elkhart, IN



Fuego performed Peter & the Wolf at Notre Dame's Center for Arts & Culture

The Double Gold Winner's tour is possible with support from the following:

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The Peer Ambassadors for Chamber Music (PACMan) Program takes place on Friday of the Competition weekend. It involves our youngest competitors — ensembles from the Junior Division. These ensembles will be invited into area classrooms to present informal performance-workshops for second to fourth graders. The program's purpose is to present a friendly and "real" introduction to chamber music. Since Fischoff Juniors are also in school, they make perfect role models for elementary school children who look up to, and identify with, older students. The performance level of Fischoff junior ensembles creates an excitement that is a powerful mentoring tool in persuading young children to consider joining their own school or community band and orchestra programs.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following ensembles participating in PACMan:

Asrai Quartet, Chicago, IL DAJJ Quartet, Worthington, OH The Meraki Quartet, St. Louis, MO Quid Nunc Saxophone Quartet, San Antonio, TX The Rader Quartet, St. Louis, MO

Schools receiving PACMan programs:

Battell Elementary School, Mishawaka, IN Darden Primary School, South Bend, IN Elm Road Elementary School, Mishawaka, IN Holy Cross School, South Bend, IN Moccasin Elementary, Buchanan, MI

Soirées



More than 45 years have passed since Joseph Fischoff and his musician friends began inviting neighbors to their homes to enjoy chamber music. Since then, soirées have become a popular springtime tradition in Michiana. Guests experience chamber music as it was intended to be heard—in intimate spaces. We are grateful for the tremendous generosity of our soirée hosts, which enables Fischoff to present some of the talented ensembles that gather in South Bend for the Competition.

2018 Soirée Hosts & Venues

Aloft Hotel, South Bend, IN Andre Place, Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN Culver Academies, Culver, IN Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Dowagiac, MI Geri Hathaway, South Bend, IN Ruthmere Mansion, Elkhart, IN Deirdre Mylod & Paul Worland, South Bend, IN Dr. David & Mitzi Sabato, South Bend, IN Kathleen & Mark Neal, South Bend, IN Trinity School at Greenlawn, South Bend, IN

2018 Ensembles

Belka Quartet Callisto Quartet Donald Sinta Quartet **Tetrakis** Thalea String Quartet The Kamila Quartet Tryptych Vera Quartet Viano String Quartet Volante Winds Walden Trio

Chamber Music Mentoring Project

Fischoff wishes to thank AEP – Indiana Michigan Power, the Elnora Hartman Stickley Scholarship Fund, South Bend Area Music Teacher's Association and Teachers Credit Union Foundation

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This activity is made possible, in part,
with support from the Community Foundation
of St. Joseph County's ArtsEverywhere initiative
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Fischoff's Mentoring Project provides an opportunity for motivated regional high school chamber ensembles to receive consistent professional coaching at no charge. Fischoff is pleased to underwrite coaching fees for six ensembles during the 2017–18 school year. In addition to coaching sessions, ensembles are invited to participate in masterclasses and a public recital. Ensembles are also encouraged to perform at public venues such as retirement communities, libraries, community centers and elementary schools.

- DOLCE CANTO TRIO Home Schooled, South Bend, IN
 Coach: Luis Vargas
 Catherine Madison, violin; Rachel Madison, viola; Caroline Madison, cello
- Du Lac String Trio Penn High School, Mishawaka, IN Coach: Brendan Shea Maya Kvaratskhelia, violin; Yewon Oh, viola; Darbie Kwon, cello
- 3. Low Key Quartet

— Trinity at Greenlawn, John Adams High School & Homeschooled, South Bend, IN Coach: ${\bf Jameson~Cooper}$

John Paul Adams, violin; Safra Arevalo, violin; Nathan DelGuanto, violin; Annalise Maxwell, violin

- E MAJEUR Portage High School, Portage, IN
 Coach: Nora Frisk
 Adam Garrido, violin; Alyssa Unger, violin; Zack Ruszel, viola;
 Kate Johnson, cello
- St. Joseph High School Quartet St. Joseph, Michigan Coach: Steve Reed & Susan Reed Megan Guldan, violin; Kathy Zhang, violin; Grace Richards, viola; Angela Chen, cello
- 6. VIGNERON QUARTET Portage High School, Portage, Indiana Coach: Nora Frisk Rachael Lagunas, violin; Julianne Lopez, violin; Hannah Perry, viola; Evelyn Legley, cello

Congratulations to the 2018 Geoffroy Prize Winner, Du Lac String Trio.

The Geoffroy Prize is awarded to the highest ranking junior ensemble entering the Fischoff Competition from the Michiana region.













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The Mission Continues

On July 1, Fischoff will welcome Carmen Creel as its new Executive Director.

Carmen Creel will join Fischoff from Union Bands (Union High School: Tulsa, Oklahoma), where she has served as a private clarinet instructor and chamber music coach since 2016. She has also served as the Director of Programming and Stewardship with the Smithsonian in Washington, DC; and as the Director of Principal Gift Recognition at the University of Chicago. She spent a decade as an arts administrator with Michael Tilson Thomas in San Francisco and the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Florida.

"I am deeply honored to have been selected as Fischoff's next Executive Director," Carmen commented. "I have admired the



Fischoff since I began serious study of the clarinet. Many of my closest musician friends and colleagues are former Fischoff alums. I am excited to make my new home in South Bend."

Of the transition, Peter Holland, President of the Fischoff Board of Directors said, "I am delighted to welcome Carmen Creel as the Fischoff's next Executive Director. Carmen's varied experiences in the world of music, combined with her firm grasp of relationship-building philanthropy, make her uniquely positioned to steward the Fischoff through this important institutional transition. Ann and Carmen have been working side-by-side to create a seamless transition for the Fischoff family. While it is hard to say goodbye to Ann Divine, we thank her for her astonishing work over more than half of the Fischoff's long history."

HISTORY OF FISCHOFF WINNERS

SENIOR DIVISION CRAND PRIZE (Crand Prize created in 1987)

SENIOR DIVISION GRAND PRIZE (Grand Prize created in 1987)			
 2017 Milton String Quartet, Montreal, Quebec 2016 Ulysses Quartet, New York, NY 2015 Zorá String Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2014 Telegraph Quartet, San Francisco, CA 2013 Omer Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2011 Barkada Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2011 Calidore String Quartet, Los Angeles, CA 2010 Old City String Quartet, Philadelphia PA 2009 Linden String Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2008 The N-E-W Trio, New York, NY 2007 Prima Trio, Oberlin, OH 	 Ariel Quartet, Boston, MA Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet, Montreal, Canada Jupiter String Quartet, Boston, MA verklärte quartet, Cleveland, OH Quintet Attacca, Chicago, IL ninth circle saxophone quartet, Ann Arbor, MI Fry Street Quartet, Hickory, NC Corigliano String Quartet Avalon Quartet 	1997 Elm City Ensemble 1996 Miro String Quartet 1995 Zephyros Wind Quintet 1994 The Arianna String Quartet 1993 Amernet String Quartet 1992 North Coast Trio 1991 Griffon String Quartet 1990 Trio Wanderer 1988 Miami String Quartet 1988 Lafayette String Quartet 1987 Harrington String Quartet	
Senior String First Prize 2017 Milton String Quartet, Montreal, Quebec 2016 Ulysses Quartet, New York, NY 2015 Zorá String Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2014 Telegraph Quartet, San Francisco, CA 2013 Omer Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2012 Tesla Quartet, Boulder, CO 2011 Calidore String Quartet, Los Angeles, CA 2010 Old City String Quartet, Philadelphia PA 2009 Linden String Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2008 The N-E-W Trio, New York, NY 2007 Prima Trio, Oberlin, OH 2006 Ariel Quartet, Boston, MA 2005 Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet, Montreal, Canada 2004 Jupiter String Quartet, Boston, MA 2003 verklärte quartet, Cleveland, OH 2000 Chiara String Quartet, Grand Forks, ND 2001 Eusia St. Qt., Chicago, IL 2000 Fry Street Quartet, Hickory, NC 1999 Corigliano String Quartet 1997 Elm City Ensemble 1998 Miro String Quartet 1995 Sausalito St. Qt. 1994 Arianna St. Qt. 1995 Amernet String Quartet 1990 Trio Wanderer 1980 Miami St. Qt. 1981 Lafayette St. Qt. 1982 Ridge String Quartet	Senior String Second Prize 2017 Notos Quartet, Berlin, Germany 2016 Trio Zadig, Paris, France 2015 Calla Quartet, Los Angeles, CA 2014 Altius Quartet, Dallas, TX 2013 Wasmuth String Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2012 Trio mod3tre, Boston, MA 2011 Acolus Quartet, Austin, TX 2010 Chimeng Quartet, Annandale-on-Hudson NY 2009 Jasper String Quartet, Houston, TX 2007 Klimt Trio, Cleveland, OH 2006 Kailas String Quartet, Houston, TX 2007 Kashii String Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2004 Calder Quartet, Los Angeles, CA 2003 Ensō String Quartet, Houston, TX 2001 Biava St. Qt., Cleveland, OH 2002 Xanadu Trio, New York, NY 2001 Biava St. Qt., Cleveland, OH 2004 New England Conservatory Honors String 2018 Quartet, Boston, MA 2019 Basmati String Quartet 2019 Lipatti String Quartet 2019 Anacapa String Quartet 2019 Anacapa String Quartet 2019 Assai String Quartet 2019 Assai String Quartet 2019 Rackham String Quartet 2019 Rosalyra Quartet 2019 Rosalyra Quartet 2019 Aureole Trio 2019 Ambrogio Trio 2010 Ambrogio Trio	Senior String Third Prize 2017 Ivani Quartet, Boston, MA 2016 Callisto Piano Trio, Los Angeles, CA 2015 Autana Trio, Cleveland, OH 2014 Evita Quartet, Ann Arbor, MI 2013 Trio Concorde, Boston, MA 2012 Ariadne String Quartet, Cleveland, OH 2011 Persinger String Quartet, Los Angeles, CA 2010 Lysander Piano Trio, New York NY 2009 Lorien Trio, New Haven, CT 2008 Saguaro Piano Trio, Los Angeles, CA 2007 Schulich String Quartet, Montreal, Quebec, Canada 4 Hyperion String Quartet, San Diego, CA 2004 Vinca String Quartet, New York, NY 2003 The Harding Trio, Cleveland, OH 2004 Jung Trio, New Haven, CT 2001 Proteus 5, New York, NY 2000 Gotham Quartet, Rice Univ., Houston, TX 201 In Flight 3 202 Brutini String Quartet 203 Pacifica String Qt. 204 Pacifica String Qt. 205 Pacifica String Qt. 207 Proteus String Quartet 208 Pacifica String Qt. 209 Pacifica String Qt. 209 Pacifica String Qt. 200 Vestbrook String Quartet 200 Vestbrook String Quartet	
Senior Wind First Prize 2017 Fuego Quartet, Rochester, NY 2016 WindSync, Houston, TX 2015 Mirasol Quartet, Lubbock, TX 2014 Akropolis Reed Quintet, Ann Arbor, MI 2013 Project Fusion, Rochester, NY 2012 Barkada Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2011 The City of Tomorrow, Evanston, IL 2010 Angeles Saxophone Quartet, Los Angeles CA 2009 Red Line Sax Quartet, Rochester, NY 2008 Amethyst Quartet, Evanston, IL 2007 H2 Quartet, East Lansing, MI 2006 ViM, Rochester, NY 2005 Blue Square Saxophone Quartet, 2007 Bowling Green, OH 2004 Trio di Colore, Bloomington, IN 2003 Arizona State University 202 Quintet Attacca, Chicago, IL 2001 ninth circle saxophone quartet, 2002 Ann Arbor, MI 2000 Lithium Saxophone Quartet, 2001 Bowling Green, OH 2001 Canterbury Brass 2002 Extension Ensemble 2003 Canterbury Brass 2004 Canterbury Brass 2005 Canterbury Brass 2006 Catalyst (Sax Quartet) 2007 Canterbury Brass 2008 Catalyst (Sax Quartet) 2009 The Extension Ensemble 2009 Canterbury Brass 2	Senior Wind Second Prize 2017 - Nois, Evanston, IL 2016 QuinTexas, Austin, TX 2015 Kenari Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2014 Echo Saxophone Quartet, East Lansing, MI 2016 Kenari Quartet, Bloomington, IN 2012 Akropolis Quintet, Ann Arbor, MI 2011 Blue Static Saxophone Quartet, Houston, TX 2010 Axius Saxophone Quartet, Iowa City IA 2009 Yersinia Saxophone Quartet, Ann Arbor, MI 2008 Trio Destino, Houston, TX 2007 Sospiro Winds, New Haven, CT 2006 Arundo Winds Quintet, Boulder, CO 2005 Intrada Winds, New Haven, CT 2004 Scarborough Trio, New York, NY 2003 Triton Brass Quintet, Boston, MA 2002 Syrinx Saxophone Quartet, Evanston, IL 2001 Red Onion Sax. Qt., IL 2000 Vento Chiaro, Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA 1999 Metropolis Trombones 1997 National Saxophone Quartet 1998 Metropolis Trombones 1997 National Saxophone Quartet 1998 Cardinal Brass Quintet 1999 Resounding Wind 1989 Prism Sax Quartet 1988 Saturday Brass 1987 (not published) 1982 Cincinnati Trombone Quartet	Senior Wind Third Prize 2017 Eos Sextet, Tempe, AZ 2016 Lineage Percussion, Athens, GA 2015 Prismatics Woodwind Quintet, Houston, TX 13 2014 Lincoln Chamber Brass, Chicago, IL 2013 The Midic Winds, Rochester, NY 2012 Noctua Wind Quintet, Houston, TX 2011 Arundo Donax, Bloomington, IN 2010 Axiom Brass, Chicago IL 2009 The Flatirons Brass Quintet, Boulder, CO 2008 Areon Flutes, San Jose, CA 2007 Bay State Brass, Boston, MA 2006 Element Saxophone Quartet, Mystic, CT 2005 Twelve-Ten Saxophone Quartet, Ann Arbor, MI 2004 Third Rail Saxophone Quartet, Mystic, CT 2003 The Taliesin Trio, Ann Arbor, MI 2004 A Few Good Reeds, Indiana, PA 2001 BALA, Boston, MA 2000 Millennium Quartet, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 1999 Red Stick Saxophone Quartet 1998 Arbor Trio 1997 Enigma Saxophone Quartet 1998 Transcontinental Sax Qt. 1994 Trio Selka-Kosower-Ohio 1993 Palo Alto Brass Quintet 1991 Southspoon Wind Qt. 1990 Mercury Wind Quintet 1981 Meliora Brass Quintet 1982 Manhattan Wind Quintet 1983 (not published) 1986 Quintessence 1982 (no 3rd prize awarded)	

HISTORY OF FISCHOFF WINNERS

JUNIOR DIVISION Junior 1st Prize 2017 Quartet Bellezza, Highwood, IL Quartet Diamant, Highwood, IL 2016 Incendium Quartet, Los Angeles, CA Quartet Fuoco, Highwood, IL 2015 2014 Quartet Lumière, Wilmette, IL Quartet Stracciatella, Chicago, IL Polaris Quartet, Cincinnati, OH Quartet Danaë, Wilmette IL Aurelia String Quartet, Evanston, IL 2013 2012 2011 2010 2009 Quartet Polaris, Evanston, IL 2008 2007 Vesta Trio, Madison, WI 2006 Beat 3, Highwood, IL 2005 Alisier Trio, Boston, MA 2004 Rattan Trio, Highwood, IL Ottava String Trio, Chicago, IL Orion Piano Trio, Fort Sheridan, IL 2003 2002 2001 LeConte Quartet 2000 Capriccio Quartet 1999 Fine Arts Trio MYA String Quartet Cumberland String Quartet 1998 1997 MYA String Quartet 1996 Amaryllis String Quartet 1995 1994 Schon Musik La Strada String Quartet 1993 Lake Shore String Quartet 1992 Greenfield String Qt. 1991 1990 Peabody Prep Piano Qt. Phoenix Quartet
The Diller String Quartet 1989 1988 Cardinal Quartet 1987 Music Center Youth Quartet ASTEC Quartet 1986 1985 1984 Rydell Quintet Music Center Quartet 1983 The String Quartet Mendelssohn Piano Trio 1982 1981 1980 Interlochen String Quartet 1979 Rhee Gustavsson (records unavailable) 1978 John Adams High School String Quartet 1977 Obiĉan Quintet, Kalamazoo, MI 1974-1975 (records unavailable)

Until 1987, the wind and string categories were not separated; wind and string ensembles competed against each other for the top prizes. Following is a list of winners, which will include both wind and string ensembles. Note: 1982 was an isolated year in which the two categories were separated.

Fischoff Competition First Prize

1986 Cassatt String Qt., NYC

1985 Asbury Brass Quintet, Evanston, IL

1984 Meliora Quartet, Rochester, NY

Casella Quartet, Rochester, NY 1983

1982 (See String/Wind prize list)

Curtis String Quartet, Phil. PA 1981

1980 Vaener String Trio, Boston, MA

1979 Taylor St. Qt., Berrien Springs, MI

Fischoff Competition Second Prize

1986 Cavani String Quartet

1985 Chamber Arts Quartet

BU Honors Wind Quintet 1984

1983 Ambrogio Trio

(See String/Wind prize list) 1982

Landreth Quartet

1980 Martinu Piano Quartet

1979 Csardas Quartet

Fischoff Competition Third Prize

1986 Quintessence

1985 Franciscan Quartet

1984 Stony Brook Trio

1983 New Mode Trio

1979-1982 (no 3rd prize awarded)

Junior 2nd Prize

Astera String Quartet, Evanston, IL Noctis Quartet, New York, NY Trio Adonais, Boston, MA

2014 Vox Quartet, Evanston, IL 2013 Mazel Trio, Interlochen, MI

Y Trio, Interlochen, MI 2012 Milo Quartet, Saint Louis, MO 2011

2010 Emerald Quartet, Wilmette IL Trio Coterie, Highwood, IL Ridere Quartet, Evanston, IL 2008

2007 Newman Quartet, Philadelphia, PA opus., Worthington, OH 2006

AYM Piano Trio, Chicago, IL 2005 Northway Quintet, New York, NY 2004 Subito Trio, Chicago, IL 2003

Vidancia Trio, Bethesda, MD 2002 2001 Versailles Piano Quintet

2000 Harding Trio

1999

1998 Waughtown Four Cello Quartet

1997 Musika Trio The Rose Trio 1996 1995

Amaranth Trio Midwest Young Artists' Sextet 1994

Casulana Quartet 1993 1992 Best Great Quartet

Lake Shore Piano Qt. Thanatos String Quartet 1991 1990 1989 The Robinson Trio

1988 The Lorax String Quartet

1987 Primier Trio

1986 New School of Music Trio

1985 LeJuMa Piano Trio 1984 LeJuMa Piano Trio 1983 Clay-LaSalle Trio

1982 John Adams Quartet

Brass Trio

1974-1980 (records unavailable)

American Brass Quintet Junior Division Wind Prize

2017 KGT Trio, Chicago, IL

2016 KGT, Chicago, IL

2015 Yumpadump Brass Trio, Chicago, IL

2014 Enigma Saxophone Quartet, Spring, TX

Junior 3rd Prize

Aurielle Quartet, Los Angeles, CA Vibrante String Quartet, Evanston, IL

Alegrar Quartet, Oslo, Norway Quartet Firenze, Los Angeles, CA 2015 2014

2013 Quartet Morina, Highwood, IL Quartet Ardella, Chicago, IL 2012 Tropical Quartet, Boston MA 2011

2010 Foråret Quartet, Boston MA Quartet Danaë, Evanston, IL Aurelia String Quartet, Evanston, IL 2008

2007 Attacca Quartet, Boston, MA Alethea String Quartet, 2006 Highwood, IL/Madison, WI

BAM Quartet, Chicago, IL Pandora's Trio, Chicago, IL LeMonde Trio, Interlochen, MI 2004 2003

Ivory Winds, Chicago, IL Trio Una Corda 2002 2001

2000 Karma Quartet Biava Quartet 1999 Firebird Quartet 1998

MYA Chonky String Quartet 1997

1996 The Fidelius Trio 1995 Russian Quartet

Interlochen String Quartet 1994

1993 Sigma

Die Furellum Quartet The Thorne Trio 1992 1991

1990 The Thorne Trio

(1st year 3rd prize awarded)

Honorable Mention

Geneva String Quartet, Worthington, OH

2015 Isolde Quartet, Boston, MA

2015 Atara String Quartet, Chicago, IL

2014 Snitzer Quartet, Philadelphia, PA

2012 Pallas Trio

2012 Contrapunctus String Quartet

2006 Neptune Trio

2001 Tre Cellesti

2001 Favrile Piano Quartet

1998 Sirens Saxophone Quartet

1998 Florestan Trio

1998 Rosalie Weinstein Woodwind Quintet

1998 Picasso String Quartet

HISTORY OF GEOFFROY WINNERS

Kenneth Geoffroy was an originator of ideas and activities in the arts in Michiana. He became Coordinator of Fine Arts for the South Bend Community School Corporation, a position he held until his death in 1982. The Geoffroy Prize is awarded to the highest ranking junior ensemble from the Michiana region.

GEOFFROY PRIZE WINNERS

2018 - Du Lac String Trio

2017 - Big String Theory 2016 - Front Street Quartet

2015 - Front Street Quartet 2014 - Kadence Quartet

2013 – String Theory

2012 – Trio Veliero 2011 - LaForza Quartet

2010 – LaForza Quartet 2009 - Silver Strings

2008 - Zenith Quartet 2007 - Pluto Trio

2006 - South Bend Youth Symphony String Quartet

2005 - Four Star Quartet

2004 - Hawthorne String Quartet 2003 - Hawthorne String Quartet

2002 – High Strung (string quartet) 2001 - One Accord (harp trio)

2000 - South Bend Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet

1999 - South Bend Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet

1998 - Floyd (piano trio)

1997 - South Bend Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet

1996 - Fuhring Trio (piano trio) 1995 - Fuhring Trio (piano trio)

1994 - Suzuki Talent Education of Michiana

String Quartet 1993 – (records unavailable)

1992 - Brio Brass Quintet 1991 – no award given

1990 - Sobeyosy Cesele 1989 - Olympia String Quartet

1988 - Newbury String Quartet 1987 - (records unavailable)

1986 – Clay High Brass Quintet

SCREENING COMMITTEES



Junior Division Screening Committee

FIRST-ROUND SCREENING COMMITTEES

The Fischoff Competition is very grateful for the thoughtful and knowledgeable work of the screening committees. Each member is selected for their professional background in the field. Their job is not an easy one! They have the daunting task of selecting the forty-nine ensembles that will participate in The Fischoff and they do this with the utmost integrity and enthusiasm. Thank you to our talented screening committee members.

Junior Division Screening Committee

Rena Kraut is an active freelance performer whose recent work includes concerts with the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and IRIS Orchestra. Dr. Kraut is the Executive Director of the Cuban American Youth Orchestra, a non-profit organization dedicated to meaningful cultural exchange between the young musicians of both countries. She teaches Clarinet at Gustavus Adolphus College and the Saint Paul Conservatory of Music, and maintains a private studio.

New Zealand cellist Richard Belcher has performed as a chamber musician and soloist across the United States, and internationally. Based in New York City, he is a founding member of the Grammy-nominated Ensō String Quartet. Richard is also principal cellist of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO), and has appeared at many festivals.

Violinist Evelina Chao received her BM degree from The Juilliard School and her MM degree in chamber music from SUNY Binghamton. In 2008 she was named Music Director of Madeline Island Music, where she developed chamber music curriculum for students and directed artistic programming. She currently maintains an independent teaching studio for violin and viola students in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

New Zealand pianist Nicola Melville maintains a multi-faceted career as a performer and teacher. She is a recording artist for Radio New Zealand, has recorded for Equilibrium, Classic Fox, and Innova labels, and is pianist for the Twin Cities-based Zeitgeist new music ensemble. Nicola is Professor and Chair of Music at Carleton College, Minnesota, and co-director of the piano program at the Chautauqua Music Festival, NY.

SENIOR STRING DIVISION SCREENING COMMITTEE

Luis Vargas is the violist with the Euclid Quartet and faculty at Indiana University South Bend. A former member of the world-renowned "El Sistema" he has adjudicated for competitions such as the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, the MTNA Competition and the Kauder International Viola Competition. He is currently a voting member of NARAS, the Grammy® Awards organization.

Ketevan Badridze is on the piano faculty at Indiana University South Bend. She has been a major prizewinner of numerous international competitions. She has appeared at numerous music venues in Europe and the United States. Ms. Badridze holds graduate and post graduate degrees from Tbilisi State Conservatory, the Republic of Georgia, and Indiana University South Bend.

Jameson Cooper is first violinist in the Euclid Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at Indiana University South Bend. He holds degrees from the Royal Northern College of Music, UK, and Kent State University.

SENIOR WIND DIVISION SCREENING COMMITTEE

Bryan Polacek is an active saxophonist and educator. He has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and was a Fischoff Gold Medalist in 2000. As an educator, Bryan's chamber ensembles have been featured on the nationally syndicated program "From the Top" and WFMT's "Introductions." They have won prizes at the Fischoff Competition, M-Prize Chamber Arts Competition and Discover National Chamber Competition.

Barbara Drapcho, clarinet, is a member of Quintet Attacca and New Philharmonic. She has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Chamber Musicians, and Present Music Milwaukee. She is on faculty at the Music Institute of Chicago. She received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Northwestern University.

Jeremiah Frederick, horn, is a Chicago freelance musician and a member of Quintet Attacca, the 2002 Fischoff Competition Grand Prize Winner and current resident ensemble at The Music Institute of Chicago. He is also a member of the Lake Forest and South Bend symphonies as well as the Chicago Philharmonic and the IRIS Orchestra. He holds degrees from Lawrence University and Northwestern University.



Senior String Screening Committee



Senior Wind Screening Committee

Junior Quarterfinal Jurors



Janet Ying is a founding member of the Ying Quartet, now in its third decade of performing and teaching across the United States and abroad. A recipient of

both a National Endowment for the Arts grant in 1992-1994 and the Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 1993, Ms. Ying has been recognized throughout her career for presenting concert music in diverse settings, from Carnegie Hall to hospitals in Iowa City to juvenile prisons in Los Angeles, making connections from everyday life to the art of the string quartet. Her interest in extending the reach of the string quartet has led to collaborations with a range of artists including Menahem Pressler, Billy Childs, Mike Seeger, and Matt Flinner, as well as an ongoing commissioning project of American composers writing about contemporary life. Ms. Ying can be heard on these recordings: 2 cello quintets by Schumann and Beethoven: Re: Imagined, The 3 string quartets of Robert Schumann, American Anthem: The Music of Samuel Barber & Howard Hanson, Anton Arensky: 2 String Quartets and the Piano Quintet, Three Tchaikovsky Quartets and the Souvenir de Florence, a series of three LifeMusic albums featuring American commissions, 4 + Four, a Grammy award winning collaboration with the Turtle Island String Quartet, and Dim Sum, a collection of shorter works melding Eastern and Western sounds. Principal violin studies have been with Donald Weilerstein, William Preucil, Almita and Roland Vamos, Sonja Foster, and Yuko Nasu. Currently, Ms. Ying is an Associate Professor of Chamber Music at the Eastman School of Music.



Ryan Reynolds is the Visiting Assistant Professor of Bassoon at Miami University. An award-winning chamber musician, Dr. Reynolds has won prizes at six national chamber music competitions including the Gold Medal at the 2014 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition. He tours internationally as a member of the Akropolis Reed Quintet and has released three studio albums with the ensemble. The latest of these albums, The Space Between Us, was released in March, 2017 on Innova

Recordings. In later 2018, his collaboration with legendary clarinetist David Shifrin on the studio recording of a new chamber music version of Carl Nielsen's Clarinet Concerto will be released on Delos Records. Dr. Reynolds has performed with orchestras throughout the United States including the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, Traverse Symphony Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, and Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra. An educator, Dr. Reynolds has given masterclasses in Germany, the United Arab Emirates, and at many American universities including the University of Texas-Austin, the University of Michigan, Florida State University, and Louisiana State University. Additionally, he was a recipient of the 2015 Fischoff Educator's Award for creative and interactive educational programming with the Akropolis Reed Quintet. A native of Michigan, Dr. Reynolds received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the University of Michigan. He received his Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University. His primary teachers include Eric Stomberg, Jeffrey Lyman, and Jeff Keesecker.



Cellist Daniel McDonough has performed across the US and abroad as a chamber musician and recitalist. He is best known as cellist of the award-winning Jupiter

String Quartet. The Jupiter Quartet has received first prizes at the 8th Banff International String Quartet Competition, Fischoff Chamber Music Competition, and the Young Concert Artists Auditions, as well as important honors such as Chamber Music America's triennial Cleveland Quartet Award, the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, and membership in the Chamber Music Society Two program. Celebrating 15 years together, the Jupiter Quartet has enjoyed the great privilege of performing on the world's finest concert stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall, Mexico City's Bellas Artes, and the Schloss Esterhazy in Austria. Daniel is also a founding member of the conductor-less ensemble ECCO, the East Coast Chamber Orchestra, which has recently appeared at the Naumburg Orchestral Concerts in Central Park. In addition to his concert career, Mr. McDonough is a passionate teacher. With the quartet he holds the position of Artist-in-Residence and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In the summer he appears and teaches regularly at the Aspen Music Festival, Madeline Island Chamber Music Festival, Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Skaneateles Festival, and Bowdoin International Music Festival. He lives in Urbana, Illinois with his wife (and violinist of the Jupiter Quartet), Meg Freivogel, and their three children, Lillian, Felix, and Oliver.



Pianist Judith Gordon gave her New York recital debut for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's 'Introductions' series. She has explored repertory from Bach to Boulez with groups including Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the Boston Pops Orchestra. In recent years she has premiered and recorded works by John Harbison, Lee Hyla, James Primosch, and Donald Wheelock, among others, and every season collaborates with a diverse group of

acclaimed solo artists and ensembles. As a guest artist and teacher she returns most often to ChatterABQ in New Mexico, the Bard and Charlottesville festivals, the Dilijan Chamber Music Series in Los Angeles, and to Music from Salem in Washington County, New York, where she is a consulting director. A member of the Smith College music faculty since 2006, Gordon graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music where she received an Outstanding Alumni Award in 2009.

SENIOR STRING DIVISION JURORS



Ms. Ganatra is proudly sponsored by Jeny and John Sejdinaj

Simin Ganatra is first violinist of the Pacifica Quartet. She is also professor of violin and chair of the String Department

at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. She has won wide recognition for her performances throughout the United States and abroad. She has performed numerous times in such prestigious venues as Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Kennedy Center, Wigmore Hall, the Concertgebeouw in Amsterdam, and Carnegie's Zankel Hall. Collaborations include performances with YoYo Ma, Anthony McGill, Lynn Harrell, and Menahem Pressler among others. She is the recipient of several awards and prizes, including a Grammy for best chamber music performance, the Naumburg Chamber Music Award, the Cleveland Quartet Award, and top prizes at the Concert Artists Guild Competition, the Coleman Chamber Music Competition, the Pasadena Instrumental Competition, and the Schubert Club Competition. Originally from Los Angeles, Ganatra studied with Idell Low, Robert Lipsett, and Roland and Almita Vamos. She is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory, where she was concertmaster of the Oberlin Conservatory Orchestra and recipient of the Louis Kaufman Prize for outstanding performance in chamber music. She was previously professor at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. She has many recordings on the Cedille Records label, including the complete String Quartets of Felix Mendelssohn, Elliot Carter, and Dmitri Shostakovich. During the summer she serves on the faculty of the Aspen Music Festival and School.



Pianist Anne-Marie McDermott is a consummate artist who balances a versatile career as a soloist and collaborator. With over 50 concerti in her repertoire, Ms. McDermott has performed with many leading orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra, Dallas Symphony, Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico among others. Ms. McDermott has collaborated with many esteemed conductors including Jaap Van Zweden, Gilbert Varga, Alan Gilbert, and

Carlos Miguel Prieto. An artist member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Anne-Marie McDermott performs and tours extensively with them each season. Ms. McDermott records extensively with Bridge Records and in the Fall of 2017, she will release a Mozart Concerto album, a Haydn Sonata disc, and a Wuorinen Sonata CD. Ms. McDermott recently completed the Beethoven Concerto cycle with Santa Fe Pro Musica. In addition to her affiliation with the McKnight Chamber Music Festival, Ms. McDermott is also the Artistic Director of the Bravol Vail Music Festival, the Ocean Reef Chamber Music Festival, and curator of the Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series. Anne-Marie lives in New York with her husband and travels extensively with her Maltese, Lola.



Paul Katz was cellist of the internationally acclaimed Cleveland Quartet from 1969–1995. The first classical artists ever

to appear on the Grammy Awards Telecast (1973), they performed at the White House, and were subjects of a major documentary on the Arts and Entertainment channel, "In the Mainstream-The Cleveland Quartet." The CQ played in most of the great concert halls and music capitals of the world, made 70 recordings, earning Best of the Year Awards from Time Magazine and Stereo Review, 11 Grammy nominations and 2 Grammy Awards. Recordings of special interest to cellists are Mr. Katz's Dohnanyi Cello Sonata and the Cleveland Quartet's Schubert Quintet for two cellos with Paul Katz and Yo-Yo Ma. "Talent Has Hunger," directed by Academy Award nominated Director Josh Aronson, is a film on Paul Katz and his teaching now showing in theaters and available on iTunes, Amazon and CelloBello.com. "Talent Has Hunger" has received rave reviews and will be seen on PBS stations in 2018. Mr. Katz teaches at the New England Conservatory, where he is on the cello and chamber music faculties and mentors some of the world's leading young string quartets in NEC's Professional String Quartet Training Program. In 2010, he created CelloBello.com, an online resource center for cellists worldwide featuring Katz's video lessons in seven languages, interviews, blogs, live cello chats, streamed concerts and masterclasses by many of the world's greatest artist/teachers. Katz was a cello student of Gregor Piatigorsky, János Starker, Bernard Greenhouse, Gabor Rejto and Leonard Rose.



Victoria Chiang is an artist-faculty member of the Peabody Conservatory of Music where she serves as coordinator of the viola department. Her most recent recording of the viola concertos of Stamitz and Hoffmeister was released for Naxos to critical acclaim. Other recordings include Pleyel Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola also on Naxos as well as a recording of Shostakovich and Roslavets Viola sonatas. Career highlights include appearances with the National Philharmonic Orchestra, Romanian State Philharmonics

of Constantsa and Tirgu Muresh, Duluth Superior Symphony, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, the Acadiana Symphony and the National Gallery Orchestra in Washington DC. Ms. Chiang has appeared as guest artist with the Guarneri, Takács, Tokyo, American, Arianna and Pro Arte string quartets and is a founding member of the Aspen String Trio, an internationally touring string trio. Ms Chiang spends her summers at the Aspen Music Festival as well as other music festivals

SENIOR WIND DIVISION JURORS



Massimo Mercelli is artistic director and founder of Italy's Emilia Romagna Festival. Since 2001 he has been a member of the advisory board of the European Festivals

Association (EFA). He has performed at some of the world's most prestigious concert halls including London's Wigmore Hall, Salzburg's Mozarteum, Carnegie Hall, the Berliner Philharmonie with Berliner Philarmoniker, NCPA in Beijing, and in the Grand Hall of Moscow Conservatory. He regularly performs with artists such as Yuri Bashmet, Valery Gergiev, Krzysztof Penderecki, Philip Glass, Michael Nyman, Massimo Quarta, Ennio Morricone, and Luis Bacalov. He played the first performance of Philip Glass's composition "Façades." In 2012 Orange Mountain Records released "Massimo Mercelli Performs Philip Glass" a recording of chamber music for flute. Mr. Mercelli has been an adjudicator at various competitions including the International Competition of Geneva, Concours de Flute Jean-Pierre Rampal -Concours Internationaux de la Ville de Paris, Concert Artist Guild of New York, Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, and the Beijing Flute Competition. Recent engagements include recordings of Bach's sonatas with Ramin Bahrami, and a concert for the 80th anniversary of Kzrysztof Penderecki with the Warsaw Philharmonic. Mr. Mercelli has been recognized by the European Commissioner for Culture and by the French Deputy Minister for Culture for his work as a promoter of music.



Roy Poper has enjoyed one of the most versatile careers of any American trumpet player. His first professional appointment

was made by Herbert von Karajan when he became the youngest member of the Berlin Philharmonic trumpet section at age 23. He subsequently returned to his native Los Angeles and founded the Modern Brass Quintet, which toured and recorded for more than a decade. He was appointed to section and principal positions with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra under Sir Neville Marriner and the Los Angeles Opera at the invitation of Placido Domingo. In addition to his classical performing, he can be heard on many film scores, working with film legends including Alfred and Lionel Newman, John Williams, John Barry, Bill Conti, Alan Silvestri, Jerry Goldsmith, and Maurice Jarre. A few of the films on which he can be heard include Jurassic Park, Dances with Wolves, the Die Hard and Rocky series, and Star Trek. His CD "LA Brassworks" features music for trumpet by Los Angeles-based composers including several works commissioned by him from composers including Morten Lauridsen, Richard Halligan, and Maria Newman. Mr. Poper taught at the University of Southern California School of Music for almost 20 years before joining the faculty of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in 1999. During the summers Mr. Poper hosts the annual Oberlin Trumpet Workshop and is a member of the faculty of the Marrowstone Music Festival in Bellingham, WA.



Eric Reed is an internationally recognized horn player, chamber musician, and educator. He is the newest member of the American Brass Quintet, and serves on the horn and chamber music faculties of The Juilliard School. In addition to his work with the ABQ, Eric performs regularly with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. He is a former member of the Canadian Brass and Carnegie Hall's Ensemble

Connect, as well as the Oregon, New World, and Harrisburg symphonies. Based in New York City, Eric has performed with dozens of the region's cultural organizations, including the Metropolitan Opera, New York Philharmonic, and International Contemporary Ensemble. He has appeared as Guest Associate Principal Horn with the Philadelphia Orchestra and as Guest Principal Horn with the New Jersey Symphony, American Symphony Orchestra and American Ballet Theater. Eric is a member of the newly formed Ensemble Échappé, a sinfonietta dedicated to music of the 21st century. Mr. Reed is on the faculty of the Aspen Music Festival and School and Round Top Festival Institute, and was recently appointed Guest French Horn Professor at the Middle School Associated with the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. He holds degrees from Rice University and The Juilliard School. Eric resides in the Bronx with his wife, violinist Sarah Zun and their son, Oliver.



Carrie Koffman is Associate Professor of Saxophone at The Hartt School of Music, Dance and Theater at the University of Hartford and Lecturer of Saxophone at the Yale School of Music. Prior to this, she held positions as Assistant Professor of Saxophone at Penn State University, at the University of New Mexico, and taught at Boston University. She has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in 26 states, 12 countries and on 5 continents. Her recording projects include the recent CD's Carillon Sky, Dialogues and Dragon

Rhyme. One review in Fanfare Magazine calls her playing "suave, subtly nuanced, and technically secure in its every gesture," while another refers to her "melting tone and touching sensitivity." She also has an ongoing recording and performing series entitled Pink Ink that is dedicated to promoting the music of living women composers. Committed to new music, commissions and premieres include 50 compositions. Her saxophone students have placed in over 100 different performance competitions including winning 19 university concerto competitions at four different universities. Koffman holds a bachelors degree from the University of Michigan and a masters degree from the University of North Texas. Koffman is a certified Kripalu Yoga Teacher and teaches Yoga for Performers. She is also a Conn-Selmer artist/clinician, and performs exclusively on Selmer Paris saxophones.

Medal and Prize Sponsors





Grand Prize Medal

Sponsored by Jeny and John Sejdinaj

Jeny and John Sejdinaj are happy to be part of the Fischoff family and to sponsor this award. The competition encourages and honors young musicians, who in turn inspire and teach others through educational outreach and mentoring. Their music moves us, reaching our deepest emotions and lifting our hearts. We offer a heartfelt Thank You to these artists for keeping the music alive and bringing us along for the ride!

PRIZES

THE FISCHOFF GRAND PRIZE \$10,000

A Winner's Tour is being awarded to both Senior Gold Medalists.

SENIOR DIVISION WINDS

Gold Medal \$3,500

Silver Medal \$3,000 Browge Meda

Bronze Medal \$2,000

SENIOR DIVISION STRINGS

Gold Medal \$3,500 Silver Medal \$3,000

Bronze Medal \$2,000 THE FLORENCE V. CARROLL JUNIOR DIVISION

Gold Medal \$2,300

Silver Medal \$1,800

Bronze Medal \$1,300

Kenneth Geoffroy Memorial Award

\$600

Highest-ranking Junior Ensemble from the Michiana Region Underwritten by Patricia Geoffroy

Junior Division Wind Prize \$500

Senior Division Winds

Sponsored by the Fischoff-Stettbacher Memorial Fund

Gold Medal Sponsored by Mimi and Kevin Leahy

Silver Medal
Sponsored by Jerry and Meg Thoma

My wife Meg and I are delighted to underwrite the Senior Wind Division Silver Medal. We congratulate the winners for their dedication to their musical discipline, the intense training necessary to get to this level, and for the exhilarating performances given here. Supporting the arts, particularly the musical arts, is special to us simply because of what music does to the hearts and minds of virtually everyone who plays or listens; it just makes people happy. With that in mind, we again dedicate the award for this achievement to another local music initiative — The Music Village in downtown South Bend.

Bronze Medal
Sponsored by the G. Burt and Charlotte Ford Fund for Fischoff

The life and memory of G. Burt and Charlotte Ford are being honored through the awarding of this medal. Both Char and Burt were devoted to good causes within our community. None was more important to them than Char's work with Fischoff for so many years. It is with sincere gratitude that Fischoff honors the Fords in this way.

FISCHOFF WINNERS RECOGNIZED ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO (NPR)



Fischoff is pleased to enjoy a collaborative relationship with From the Top, the preeminent showcase for young musicians. The Junior Division Gold Medal winner is featured each year on From the Top with Host Christopher O'Riley.

Through award-winning PBS and NPR programs, online media, a national tour of live events, and education programs, *From the Top* shares the stories and performances of pre-collegiate classical musicians with millions each week. Each program provides a compelling and entertaining window into the world of a diverse group of young people, who pursue life with passion, determination, and joy.



Senior Division Strings

Gold Medal
Sponsored by Deirdre Mylod and Paul Worland

The Gold Medal for the Senior String Division is sponsored by Deirdre Mylod and Paul Worland in honor of the talent and hard work demonstrated by the musicians. Achieving the level of performance needed to participate in Fischoff takes a rare combination of innate skill, perseverance, and true passion for chamber music. On these musicians' shoulders rests the critical task of shepherding this art form to the next generation. We are grateful for their work and the impact they have on our culture.

Silver Medal
Sponsored by the Burkhart Miller Family

The Burkhart-Miller family is delighted to underwrite the Senior String Division's Silver Medal. As lifelong South Bend residents and arts advocates, they have enjoyed watching the Fischoff Competition grow in our community. Most of all, they wish the best to the musicians in all of their musical endeavors.

The Barbara Shields Byrum Senior String Bronze Medal Endowed by the Barbara Shields Byrum Fund for the Fischoff National Chamber Music Association of the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County



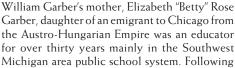
(1914 - 2017)

The Senior String Division Third Prize is sponsored by the late Katie and Bill Shields and their daughter Barbara Shields Byrum. Michiana advocates for many years, Bill and Katie Shields undertook major leadership roles in numerous community initiatives, including the establishment of the Purdue School of Technology on

the Indiana University South Bend campus. They also were instrumental in establishing health-related scholarships through the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County and the local hospitals. They funded the first Dean's Endowed Chair at Indiana University South Bend, the William & Kathryn Shields Endowed Chair, College of Health Sciences. The Shields family is honored to support the artistic achievements of young chamber ensembles through Fischoff's first endowed prize.

The Florence V. Carroll Junior Division

Gold Medal Sponsored by Shirley and William Garber





(1913 - 2017)

retirement and the death of her late husband, V. Edward "Ed" Garber, Mrs. Garber continued her commitment to helping both foreign and domestic students find the financial resources to fund their education. A competent classical pianist, Mrs. Garber loved great music and on several occasions was able to personally present this award. Following her passing in her 105th year in November of last year, we once again honor her for her unflagging commitment to the development of young talent in whatever field they wish to pursue, especially here with The Fischoff.

Silver Medal Sponsored by Ann and Paul Divine

Ann and Paul Divine are honored to provide this prize to the winners of the Junior Division Silver Medal in recognition of the discipline and passion each has shown to chamber music. The Divines wish to dedicate this great achievement to the parents, families, coaches, and teachers who believed in the musicians, encouraged them, and helped this music-making flourish.

Bronze Medal
Sponsored by Marijke Niles & Family

Marijke, Kirsten and Marc Niles are sponsoring the Third Place Junior Division Prize to honor all past Fischoff participants, in particular the Juniors, for their enthusiasm and love for music. "We want to pay tribute to Fischoff's musicians, who have given us such extraordinary inspiration in the many years we attended this very special competition," says the Niles family. "We continue to follow with great pride the successes and great achievements of the Fischoff family. We encourage this year's third-prize winner to always remember the pride you feel today and treasure your memories of the Fischoff Competition. We moved to Vermont, but Fischoff moved with us in our hearts...and the music plays on."

Junior Division Wind Prize Sponsored by the American Brass Quintet

The American Brass Quintet is pleased to offer this prize to the most outstanding wind ensemble in the Junior Division. The award is offered to encourage the growing number of young, excellent wind ensembles throughout the United States.

EMILIA ROMAGNA FESTIVAL (Italy)

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In 2001, the Fischoff embarked on a wonderful partnership with the Emilia Romagna Festival of Italy. Since then, Fischoff has been sending its Grand Prize winner to the festival the summer following their win. It has been a remarkable experience for these young performers. The festival arranges approximately four to six concerts each summer. These take place in hill-top villages and small towns

throughout the Emilia Romagna region in the most picturesque and unique settings one can imagine — historic villas, castles, village chapels, city churches, and even an ancient farm courtyard. The ERF also provides the ensembles with housing, transportation and the indisputably best food in the world, which comes from the Emilia Romagna region of Italy.



ULYSSES QUARTET, 2016 Grand Prize winner, performed at the Emilia Romagna Festival in 2017.

We had a wonderful time on tour, and the audiences were very enthusiastic. The venues were gorgeous!

— Ulysses Quartet, summer, 2017





MILTON QUARTET, 2017 Grand Prize winner, will appear this summer at the Emilia Romagna Festival in Italy 2018.

Participating ensembles through the years have included:

2001 Avalon Quartet (string) (1998 Grand Prize winner initiated the series)

2002 ninth circle saxophone quartet

2003 Quintet Attacca (woodwind)

2004 verklärte quartet (string)

2005 Jupiter String Quartet

2006 Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet

2007 Ariel Quartet (string)

2008 Prima Trio (piano)

2009 There was no engagement this summer due to Italian earthquake.

2010 Linden String Quartet

2011 Old City String Quartet (Now named The Dover Quartet)

2012 Calidore Quartet (string)

2013 Barkada Quartet (saxophone)

2014 Omer Quartet (string)

2015 Telegraph String Quartet

2016 Zorá String Quartet

2017 Ulysses Quartet (string)

2018 Milton Quartet



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COMPETITION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, May 11, 2018

Junior Quarterfinal

Patricia George Decio Theatre DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Repertoire for these groups begins on page 35. No tickets required.

Morning

9:20 Agora Quartet
9:40 Festival Trio
10:00 Sarrasin Piano Trio
10:20 Callisto Quartet
10:40 Bear Quartet

Break

11:10 Pentasuite Quintet11:30 Trio Giusto11:50 Trio Jayus

Afternoon

12:10 Felix Quartet12:30 Geneva String Quartet

Lunch Break

1:50 Nova Piano Trio
2:10 Cappuccino Trio
2:30 The Rader Quartet
2:50 Kobuki Quartet
3:10 ELEVEN Quintet

Break

3:40 Trio Keluvaina
4:00 Kairos String Quartet
4:20 Asrai Quartet
4:40 Quid Nunc Saxophone Quartet
5:00 Trio Rêve

Break

5:30 Razumovsky Quartet5:50 The Meraki Quartet6:10 CAS trio

6:30 Quartet Dysania6:50 DAJJ Quartet

Senior Wind Quarterfinal

Leighton Concert Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Repertoire for these groups begins on page 43.
No tickets required.

Morning

9:00 Aruna Quartet9:25 Elysian Quartet9:50 Besozzi Trio

Break

10:20 Tangent Winds10:45 Donald Sinta Quartet11:10 Volante Winds

Lunch Break

Afternoon

2:40 Southpaw Quartet
3:05 Vanguard Reed Quintet
3:30 Zenith Saxophone Quartet

Break

4:00 Soma Quartet4:25 Triptych4:50 Colere Quartet

PARKING VALIDATION:

Bring your Eddy Street Commons Garage parking ticket to the DPAC for validation to park for free during Competition events. Senior String Quarterfinal

Leighton Concert Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Repertoire for these groups begins on page 51.
No tickets required.

Morning/Afternoon

11:50 The Kamila Quartet12:15 Ajax Quartet12:40 AYA Trio

Break

1:10 Callisto Quartet1:35 Vera Quartet2:00 Tetrakis

Lunch Break

5:30 Trio Jinx5:55 Belka Quartet6:20 Walden Trio

Break

6:50 Viano String Quartet
7:15 Thalea String Quartet
7:40 Highland Street

Evening

By 7:30 p.m., Senior Wind Division semifinalists will be posted.

By 9:45 p.m., Senior String Division semifinalists will be posted.

The list of ensembles advancing to the Senior Division Semifinals will be posted on Friday evening in the lobby of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and on Fischoff's website: www.fischoff.org













Saturday, May 12, 2018

Watch live at www.fischoff.org

Junior Quarterfinal Meeting Patricia George Decio Theatre DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Morning 8:45 a.m.

Junior Quarterfinal Masterclasses

Sponsored by Tamara & Rick Bailey Assigned rooms to be announced

Morning

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Junior Semifinal

Leighton Concert Hall DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Afternoon

2:20 TBA* 2:40 3:00 3:20

Break

3:50 4:10 4:30 4:50

Break

5:20 5:40 6:00 6:20

Senior Wind Semifinal

Leighton Concert Hall DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Morning

8:30 TBA* 8:55 9:20 9:45 10:10 10:35

Senior String Semifinal

Leighton Concert Hall DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Morning

11:15 TBA* 11:40

Afternoon

12:05 12:30 12:55 1:20

Finalist Announcement, Juror Comments & Ice Cream Social Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business University of Notre Dame

Evening

7:45 p.m. Doors open to
Jordan Auditorium for
Finalist Announcement

Afterwards

meetings with jurors Finalists meet with Fischoff staff

Ice cream social & ensemble

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

Tickets are not required for Finals performances

Senior Division Final Leighton Concert Hall DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Morning 11:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.*

Junior Division Final Leighton Concert Hall

Leighton Concert Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Awards Ceremony & Grand Prize Concert Sponsored by the College of Arts & Letters, University of Notre Dame Leighton Concert Hall

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Afternoon 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.[†]

Post-Concert Reception Lobby of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Evening

5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Watch live at www.fischoff.org LIVE STREAMING of the Saturday and Sunday competition rounds is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame.

^{*}Twelve quarterfinalist ensembles will advance to the semifinal round on Saturday. Advancing ensembles are announced on Saturday morning at the quarterfinalist meeting.

^{*} Six quarterfinalist ensembles from each senior division will advance to the semifinal round on Saturday.

^{*} Three semifinalist ensembles from each division will advance to the final round on Sunday. Advancing ensembles are announced on Saturday evening at the Finalist Announcement.

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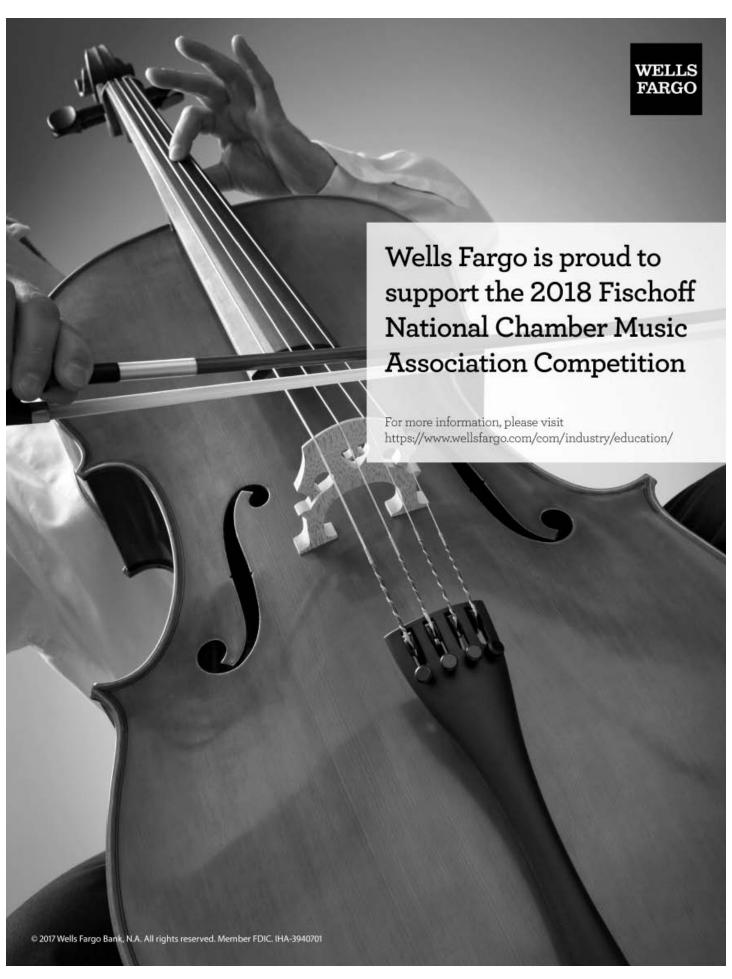
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9:20 a.m. – J1 Agora Quartet Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois Zechariah Mo, 16, Violin Kaylin Liu, 16, Violin Natalie Morin, 17, Viola Cameron Chiu, 16, Cello	10:20 a.m. – J4 Callisto Quartet Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois Hannah Lin, 17, Violin Adele Lee, 17, Violin Yonjoo Seo, 17, Viola Rowena Bakke, 16, Cello
String Quartet in G Major, Op. 18, No. 2 Beethoven I. Allegro	String Quartet in F Major
String Quartet in F Major	String Quartet in F minor, Op. 20, No. 5
String Quartet No. 1 in B minor, Op. 50 Prokofiev I. Allegro	String Quartet No. 2, Op. 17
9:40 a.m. – J2 Festival Trio New York, New York Sophia Su, 16, Violin	String Quartet No. 2, "Demons and Angels" Garrop III. Inner Demons 10:40 a.m. – J5 Bear Quartet Gifted Music School, Salt Lake City, Utah
Madison Howard, 17, Cello Fangzhou Ye, 17, Piano Piano Trio in C Major Hob. XV:27	Rachel Call, 16, Violin Ellen Hayashi, 15, Violin Abby Smith, 16, Viola Benson Marshall, 16, Cello
Piano Trio No. 2 in D minor	Quartet in A Major, Op. 18, No. 5
Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66	Quartet No. 8, Op. 110
10:00 a.m. – J3 Sarrasin Piano Trio Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois Claire Arias-Kim, 16, Violin James Baik, 16, Cello Seoyun Baek, 18, Piano	— BREAK — 11:10 a.m. – J6 Pentasuite Quintet Salt Lake City, Utah
Piano Trio in B-flat Major, K.502	Cameron Jeppson, 18, Violin Caroline Durham, 16, Violin Bella Maher, 18, Viola Kimberly Lewin, 18, Cello
Trio Elégiaque No.1 in G minor Rachmaninoff I. Lento lugubre	Suzannah Rose, 17, Piano Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81
Café Music	I. Allegro ma non tanto
	Piano Quintet in G minor, Op. 57

Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major, Op. 44. Schumann II. In modo d'una marcia



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II. Adagio affettuoso ed appassionato

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IV. Allegro

II. Schnelle Achtell

11:30 a.m. – J7 Trio Giusto Arlington, Virginia Jasper de Boor, 17, Violin Romain-Olivier Gray, 14, Cello Kevin Wang, 17, Piano	12:30 p.m. – J10 Geneva String Quartet Chamber Music Connection, Worthington, Ohio Daniel Wu, 18, Violin Kelly Gembara, 18, Violin Elizabeth Macintosh, 18, Viola Isaiah Wu, 18, Cello
Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66	String Quartet in D Major, Op. 76, No. 5
Café MusicSchoenfield I. Allegro	String Quartet in F minor, Op. 80
Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67	Entr'acteShaw — BREAK —
11:50 a.m. – J8 Trio Jayus Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois Tim Lee, 17, Violin Adam Lee, 18, Cello Alice Zhang, 16, Piano Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 32, No. 1	1:50 p.m. – J11 Nova Piano Trio Merit School of Music, Chicago, Illinois Irene Castillo, 16, Violin Brandon Cheng, 15, Cello Jeremy Nohel, 16, Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 92
12:10 – J9 Felix Quartet The Juilliard Pre-College Division, New York, New York Clara Neubauer, 16, Violin Enako Matsumoto, 15, Violin Rowan Bauman Swain, 17, Viola Isaiah Kim, 16, Cello	Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 63
String Quartet in F minor, Op. 80	2:30 p.m. – J13 The Rader Quartet Community Music School of Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri Theo Bockhorst, 16, Violin Anna Zhong, 16, Violin Jerome Eulentrop, 18, Viola Anna Groesch, 17, Cello
String Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1	Quartet in D minor, D. 810, "Death and the Maiden" Schubert

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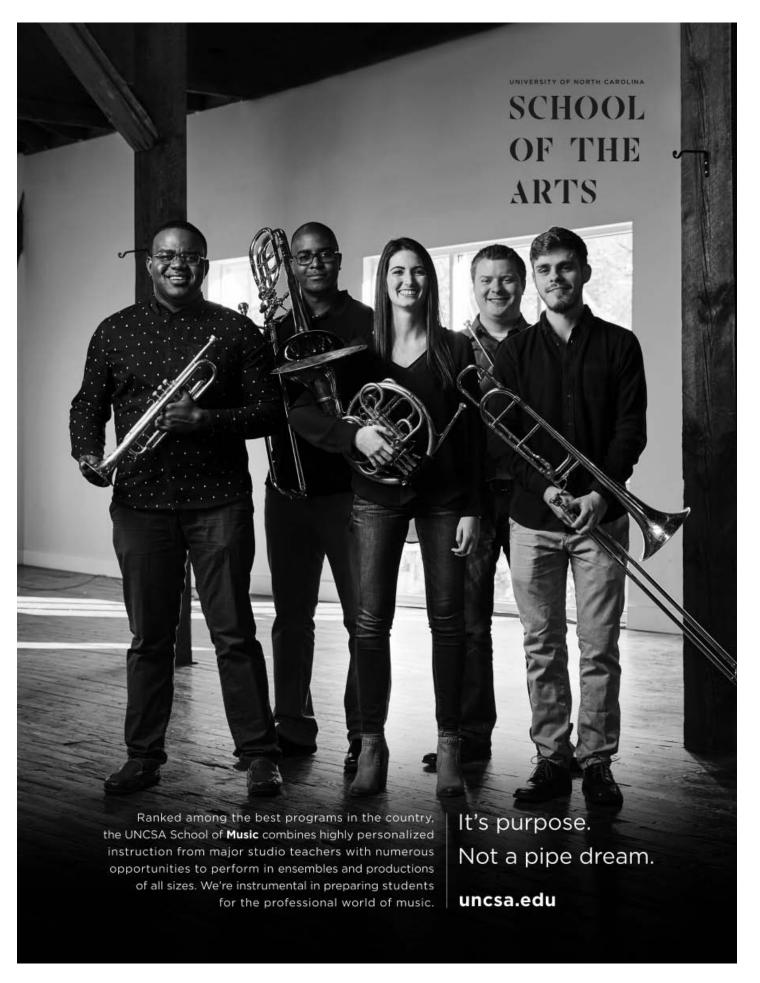
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2:50 p.m. – J14 Kobuki Quartet Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois Andria Radaios, 18, Violin Ariel Chah, 17, Violin Natalie Clarke, 18, Viola Ezra Escobar, 18, Cello	4:00 p.m. – J17 Kairos String Quartet Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois Joshua Brown, 18, Violin/Viola Julian Rhee, 17, Violin/Viola Thompson Wang, 18, Violin Lydia Rhea, 18, Cello
String Quartet in C Major, Op. 76, No. 3 "Emperor" Haydn I. Allegro	String Quartet in F minor, Op. 80
String Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 74, "Harp" Beethoven I. Poco Adagio – Allegro	String Quartet in G Major, Op. 77, No. 1
String Quartet No. 2 in F Major	String Quartet No. 5
3:10 p.m. – J15 ELEVEN Quintet Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, Michigan	String Quartet No. 1, Op. 20
Ipek Karataylioglu, 17, Flute Angela Scates, 16, Oboe Daniel Soloway, 17, Clarinet	II. Adagio ma non troppo
Charles Ball-Fuller, 18, Horn Harrison Short, 17, Bassoon	4:20 p.m. – J18 Asrai Quartet Chicago, Illinois Rabia Brooke, 17, Violin
Wind Quintet in B-Flat Major, Op. 56, No. 1 Danzi I. Allegretto II. Andante con molto III. Minuetto allegretto	Eva Nicholson, 17, Violin Margaret O'Malley, 17, Viola Camille Toubol, 16, Cello
IV. Allegretto Quintet for Winds No. 2	Quartet No. 1 in E minor, "From My Life" Smetana I. Allegro vivo appassionato
I. III.	Quartet, Op. 110, No. 8
	Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76, No. 4 "Sunrise" Haydn II. Adagio
— BREAK —	Quartet No. 1, Op. 20
3:40 p.m. – J16 Trio Keluvaina Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois Rebecca Moy, 17, Violin Haddon Kay, 18, Cello Kimberly Han, 17, Piano	4:40 p.m. – J19 Quid Nunc Saxophone Quartet Ronald Reagan High School, San Antonio, Texas Ryan Montemayor, 18, Soprano Saxophone Jacob Brockett, 15, Alto Saxophone
Piano Trio in C minor, Op. 1, No. 3 Beethoven IV. Prestissimo	Matthew Escobedo, 18, Tenor Saxophone James Pachikara, 15, Baritone Saxophone
Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8 Brahms I. Allegro	Tango Virtuoso Escaich Drastic Measures Peck
Piano Trio in C Major	I. Poco Adagio, Molto Espressivo II. Allegro
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6:10 p.m. – J23 CAS trio Marie Murphy Junior High, Wilmette and Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, Illinois Suminne Hong, 15, Violin Claudia Yoon, 14, Cello Anya Liu, 13, Piano Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 49
6:30 p.m. – J24 Quartet Dysania Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, Highwood, Illinois Rachel Hsu, 17, Violin Eleanor Goes, 18, Violin Ezra Burca, 17, Viola Jessica Hudson, 17, Cello
String Quartet No. 2 in C, Op. 36
6:50 p.m. – J25 DAJJ Quartet Chamber Music Connection, Worthington, Ohio Daniel Tai, 15, Violin Anna Linder, 14, Violin Jackson Tomsic, 17, Cello Julian Tugaoen, 15, Viola String Quartet in D minor, Op. 76, No. 2 "Quinten" Haydn I. Allegro String Quartet in F minor, Op. 95, "Serioso" Beethoven IV. Larghetto espressivo – Allegretto agitato String Quartet No. 10, Op. 118



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9:00 a.m. - W1 Aruna Quartet

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Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas William Pyle, 21, Soprano Saxophone Tony Guzman, 23, Alto Saxophone Ryan Hill, 22, Tenor Saxophone Andrew Schoen, 25, Baritone Saxophone Recitation Book Meditation on the Chorale Melody "Der du bist drei in Einigkeit" (You who are three in one) Prelude/Chorale: Meditation on "Jesu meine Freude" (Jesus my joy) III. Ecco moriró dunque (Look! My death is near!) IV. Meditation on the Gregorian Chant "O Salutaris Hostia" (O Salvation's Victim) V. Fanfare/Variations on "Durch Adams Fall" (Through Adam's Fall) Quatuor pour Saxophones Lacour Elégie I. Scherzo III. Rondeau Final Ciudades Lago Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) Memory (From Nepomuk's Dances) Zarvos / Arr. Mackie Speed Metal Organum Blues Wanamaker Keyboard Sonata in F minor, K.519..... Scarlatti / Arr. Pierné 9:25 a.m. – W2 Elysian Quartet University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma Jared Waters, 23, Soprano Saxophone Damian Cheek, 26, Alto Saxophone Evan Harris, 25, Tenor Saxophone Spiro Nicolas, 24, Baritone Saxophone In Memoriam Love Threnody Adieu Le Bal Escaich Ciudades Lago Córdoba (España) Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

Speed Metal Organum Blues	
Trio Sonata "La Follia" in D minor, RV63 Vivaldi / Arr. Harris	
Quatuor Desenclos I. Allegro non troppo II. Calmo III. Poco largo, Allegro energico	
9:50 a.m. – W3 Besozzi Trio Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Xiang Ji, 24, Saxophone Daniel Muller, 24, Saxophone Hyun Joo Park, 35, Piano	
Jack-in-the-Box	
Paganini Lost Nagao	
Trio after Brahms in G minor	
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Three Dances for Two Saxes Schocker/Arr. Matsushita Easy Going Moody Coffee Nerves, prestissimo	
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10:20 a.m. – W4 Tangent Winds The Juilliard School, New York, New York James Dion Blanchard, 24, Flute Jonathan Gentry, 23, Oboe Alec Manassee, 19, Clarinet Steven Palacio, 25, Bassoon Eric Huckins, 24, Horn
Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet
Quintet for Winds Nielsen I. Allegro ben Moderato II. Menuet III. Praeludium and Theme and Variations
Gavotte and Six Doubles Rameau / Arr. Nakagawa
Memoria
10:45 a.m. – W5 Donald Sinta Quartet
Ann Arbor, Michigan Dan Graser, 32, Soprano Saxophone Zachary Stern, 29, Alto Saxophone Joe Girard, 30, Tenor Saxophone Danny Hawthorne-Foss, 29, Baritone Saxophone
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Cerulean Biedenbender I. Sirens II. Lullaby III. Goof Groove
Ex Machina
Volcanic Ash
The Green Groves of Erin Irish Traditional / Arr. Graser
11:10 a.m. — W6 Volante Winds Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana Suyeon Ko, 33, Flute Rebecca McGuire, 29, Oboe Wai Ki Wun, 27, Clarinet Olivier Huebscher, 28, Horn Sara Fruehe, 31, Bassoon
Wind Quintet – Fúvósötös Orban I. Poco libero – Allegro deciso II. Poco libero – L'istesso tempo, ma moderato III. Veloce
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2:40 p.m. – W7 Southpaw Quartet University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri Patrick Olmos, 26, Soprano Saxophone Walt Puyear, 20, Alto Saxophone Jared Marble, 21, Tenor Saxophone Chase Shumsky, 21, Baritone Saxophone	Le
Italian Concerto BWV 971 J.S. Bach / Arr. Tochio I. Allegro II. Andante III. Presto	
A Schumann Bouquet	Sp
Drastic Measures Peck I. II.	
Josquin Microludes Ludwig I. Milles regetz de vous abandonner II. et d'eslonger vostre fache amoureuse III. jay si grand dueil et paine doloureuse IV. quon me verra brief mes jours definer Vbrief mes jours definer	
Elegy	
Bop Higdon	G
Ciudades Lago	C
Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	Ad
	V
3:05 p.m. – W8 Vanguard Reed Quintet University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Sagar Anupindi, 23, Oboe Mickayla Chapman, 24, Clarinet Sean Meyers, 24, Saxophone	In Re
Danny Mui, 26, Bass Clarinet Joseph Swift, 24, Bassoon	
Refraction Biedenbender I. Death Metal Chicken II. Kyrie for Machaut and Pärt III. Goat Rodeo	
Look for MeMuhly	
Gallimaufry Deemer	

Le Tombeau de Couperin
Circusmuziek. Doest I. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII.
Splinter
3:30 p.m. – W9 Zenith Saxophone Quartet Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan Parker Fritz, 20, Soprano Saxophone Diego Kieliszewski, 21, Alto Saxophone Ben MacDonald, 21, Tenor Saxophone Taylor Huitema, 20, Baritone Saxophone
Grave et Presto
Chaconne J.S. Bach / Arr. Yasuhide
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4:00 p.m. – W10 Soma Quartet Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana Ricardo Martinez, 32, Soprano Saxophone Paul Lorenz, 26, Alto Saxophone Sean Bradley, 24, Tenor Saxophone Ting-Hua (Arthur) Liang, 24, Baritone Saxophone	Tresin Terra
Quatuor, Op. 109	I. Allegro II. Rubato, andante moderato III. Presto
Variation III – A la Schumann Variation IV – A la Chopin Variation V – Scherzo III. Finale Positation Rook Maclanka	4:50 p.m. – W12 Colere Quartet The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa John Cummins, 30, Soprano Saxophone Elissa Kana, 30, Alto Saxophone
Recitation Book	Greg Rife, 25, Tenor Saxophone Dennis Kwok, 25, Baritone Saxophone
 II. Prelude/Chorale: Meditation on "Jesu meine Freude" (Jesus my joy) III. Ecco moriró dunque (Look! My death is near!) IV. Meditation on the Gregorian Chant "O Salutaris Hostia" (O Salvation's Victim) 	Concerto Italien, BWV 971 J.S. Bach/Arr. Tochio I. Allegro II. Andante III. Presto
V. Fanfare/Variations on "Durch Adams Fall" (Through Adam's Fall)	Le Bal
In Memoriam Love I. Threnody II. Adieu	Córdoba (España) Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
Czardas Monti/Arr. Ghidoni	Recitation Book
4:25 p.m. – W11 Triptych Nashville, Tennessee Grace Woodworth, 29, Oboe Thomas Crespo, 29, Bassoon David Rodgers, 23, Piano	III. Ecco moriró dunque (Look! My death is near!) IV. Meditation on the Gregorian Chant "O Salutaris Hostia" (O Salvation's Victim) V. Fanfare/Variations on "Durch Adams Fall" (Through Adam's Fall)
Trio pathetique in D minor	
Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, FP 43Poulenc I. Presto II. Andante III. Rondo	
Trio for Piano, Oboe and Bassoon Previn I. Lively	



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11:50 a.m. - S1 The Kamila Quartet

Rice University, Shepherd School of Music, Houston, Texas Michael Ferri, 22, Violin Anya Wilkening, 24, Violin Sebastian Stefanović, 21, Viola David Olson, 24, Cello

12:15 p.m. - S2 Ajax Quartet

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado Tom Yaron, 26, Violin Renee Hemsing Patten, 29, Violin Mario Rivera, 28, Viola Eric Haugen, 24, Cello

String Quartet in C minor, Op. 18, No. 4 $\,\ldots\,$. Beethoven

- I. Allegro ma non tanto
- II. Andante scherzoso
- III. Menuetto (allegretto)
- IV. Allegro

String Quartet in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2 Brahms

- I. Allegro non troppo
- II. Andante moderato
- III. Quasi minuetto, moderato
- IV. Finale: Allegro non assai

String Quartet No. 2, Sz. 67 Bartók

- I. Moderato
- II. Allegro molto capriccioso
- III. Lento

12:40 p.m. - S3 AYA Trio

Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Angela Sin Ying Chan, 21, Violin Ying Li, 20, Piano Andres Sanchez, 21, Cello

Piano Trio in B flat Major, D.898...... Schubert

- I. Allegro moderato
- II. Andante un poco mosso
- III. Scherzo. Allegro Trio
- IV. Rondo. Allegro vivace

Piano Trio No. 2 in Eminor, Op. 67 Shostakovich

- I. Andante
- II. Allegro con brio
- III. Largo
- IV. Allegretto

— BREAK —

1:10 p.m. - S4 Callisto Quartet

Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio Paul Aguilar, 21, Violin Rachel Stenzel, 21, Violin Eva Kennedy, 23, Viola Hannah Moses, 23, Cello

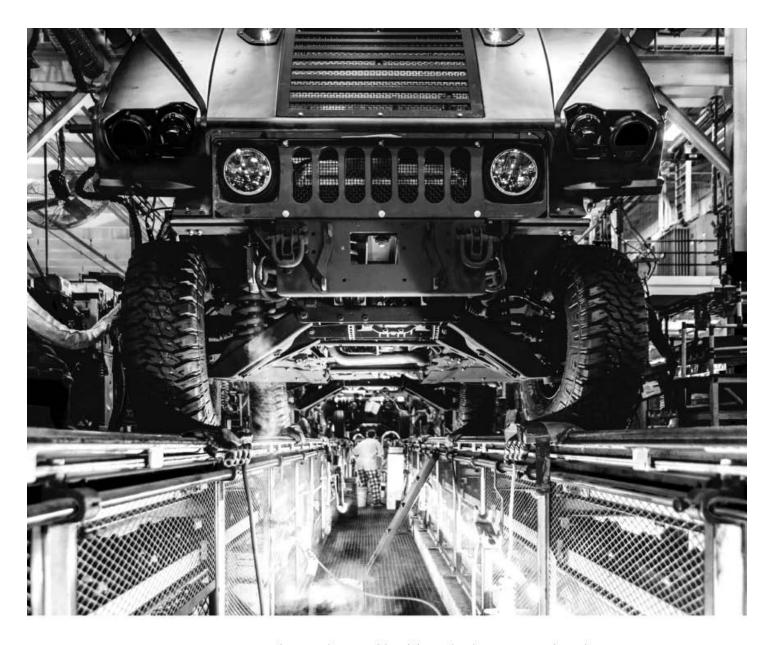
- I. Allegro
- II. Adagio
- III. Minuet: Allegretto
- IV. Finale: Vivace

String Quartet No. 8 in E minor, Op. 59, No. 2 Beethoven

- Allegro
- II. Molto adagio (Si tratta questo pezzo con molto di sentimento)
- III. Allegretto
- IV. Finale. Presto

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Friday May 11, Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

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1:35 p.m. - S5 Vera Quartet

Bloomington, Indiana Pedro Rodriguez, 28, Violin Patricia Quintero García, 30, Violin Ines Picado Molares, 29, Viola Justin Goldsmith, 27, Cello

I. Allegro moderato Scherzo: Allegro di molto III. Andante V. Finale: Presto String Quartet in A minor, Op. 13 Mendelssohn

III. Intermezzo. Allegretto con moto – Allegro di molto IV. Presto - Adagio non lento String Quartet No. 3, Sz. 85 Bartók Prima parte: Moderato

Seconda parte: Allegro Recapitulazione della prima parte Coda. Allegro molto

Adagio – Allegro vivace

Adagio non lento

2:00 p.m. - S6 Tetrakis

McGill University Schulich School of Music, Montreal, Quebec Jake Klinkenborg, 26, Cello Kenji Bellavigna, 23, Clarinet Karnsiri Laothamatas, 23, Piano

Clarinet Trio in A minor, Op. 114 Brahms

Allegro

I.

II. Adagio

III. Andantino grazioso

IV. Allegro

Fantasy Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano Muczynski

I. Allegro energico

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III. Allegro deciso

IV. Andante molto e sostenuto

Clarinet Trio in D minor, Op. 3. Zemlinsky

Allegro ma non troppo

II. Andante

III. Allegro

— BREAK —

5:30 p.m. - S7 Trio Jinx Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland Louna Dekker-Vargas, 24, Flute Ledah Finck, 23, Violin/Viola

Yoshiaki Horiguchi, 27, Double Bass Terra Incognita Finck

II. a current Concertino for Flute, Viola, and Double Bass Schulhoff Andante con Moto

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I. a trail

IV. Allegro Gaio

Baryton Trio No. 74, Op. 32 Haydn / Arr. Pasquier Trio

Poco Adagio Menuetto III. Allegro

Spain Corea / Arr. Trio Jinx

Selections from 44 Violin Duets Bartók / Arr. Trio Jinx Sadness and Ruthenian Dance

Gladly Beyond Finck

I. unclosed II. closed

Gaucho Gonzaga / Arr. Trio Jinx

5:55 p.m. – S8 Belka Quartet Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Obio Beatrice Hsieh, 22, Violin Charles Gleason, 22, Violin Serena Hsu, 20, Viola Daniel Blumhard, 22, Cello

String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3, "Razumovsky" . . Beethoven

Introduzione: Andante con moto – Allegro vivace

II. Andante con moto quasi allegretto

III. Menuetto grazioso

IV. Allegro molto

String Quartet No. 3, Sz. 85 Bartók

Prima Parte: Moderato

Seconda Parte: Allegro

III. Recapitulazione della prima parte: Moderato

IV. Coda: Allegro molto

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6:20 p.m. – S9 Walden Trio Mount Royal Conservatory and University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta Daniel Dastoor, 22, Violin Andrew T. Park, 21, Cello Daniel Szefer, 19, Piano Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 70, No. 2 Beethoven I. Poco sostenuto – Allegro ma non troppo II. Allegretto III. Allegretto ma non troppo IV. Finale. Allegro Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 63	7:15 p.m. – S11 Thalea String Quartet San Francisco, California Christopher Whitley, 27, Violin Kumiko Sakamoto, 27, Violin Luis Bellorín, 29, Viola Titilayo Ayangade, 25, Cello String Quartet in D Major, Op. 76, No. 5
III. Presto	II. Allegro assai III. Adagio IV. Finale: Allegro molto
— BREAK —	
6:50 p.m. — S10 Viano String Quartet Colburn School, Los Angeles, California Lucy Wang, 21, Violin Hao Zhou, 21, Violin Aiden Kane, 22, Viola Tate Zawadiuk, 20, Cello	7:40 p.m. – S12 Highland Street New England Conservatory, Boston, Massachusetts Victoria Pan, 21, Violin Greta Myatieva, 21, Violin Mira Williams, 20, Viola Sophie Applbaum, 20, Cello
String Quartet in C Major, Op. 74, No. 1	String Quartet No. 1 "Kreutzer Sonata"
String Quartet No. 4	String Quartet in D minor, Op. 76, No. 2 "Quinten" Haydn I. Allegro II. Andante o più tosto allegretto III. Menuetto – Allegro ma non troppo IV. Vivace assai
String Quartet in F Major	String Quartet in A minor, Op. 51, No. 2 Brahms I. Allegro non troppo II. Andante moderato III. Quasi Minuetto, moderato – Allegro vivace IV. Finale. Allegro non assai
The Four Quarters String Quartet, Op. 28	

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Come Sail Away took place in the new Downes Club, which is located in Corbett Family Hall overlooking Notre Dame's football stadium. The stadium lights were on and Fischoff musicians and sponsors were brightly lit and featured on the jumbo screen. Guests feasted on a deconstructed interpretation of a 1927 Cunard Line State Dinner. Musical guests included ~Nois, the 2017 Fischoff Competition Silver Medalist. They rocked the house with period jazz works including the music of Gershwin. Reception music by Hot Club ND added a period sparkle to the evening as well.

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~Nois: Brandon Quarles, Soprano sax; Hunter Bockes, Alto sax; Jordan Lulloff, Tenor sax; and János Csontos, Baritone sax, from Chicago IL

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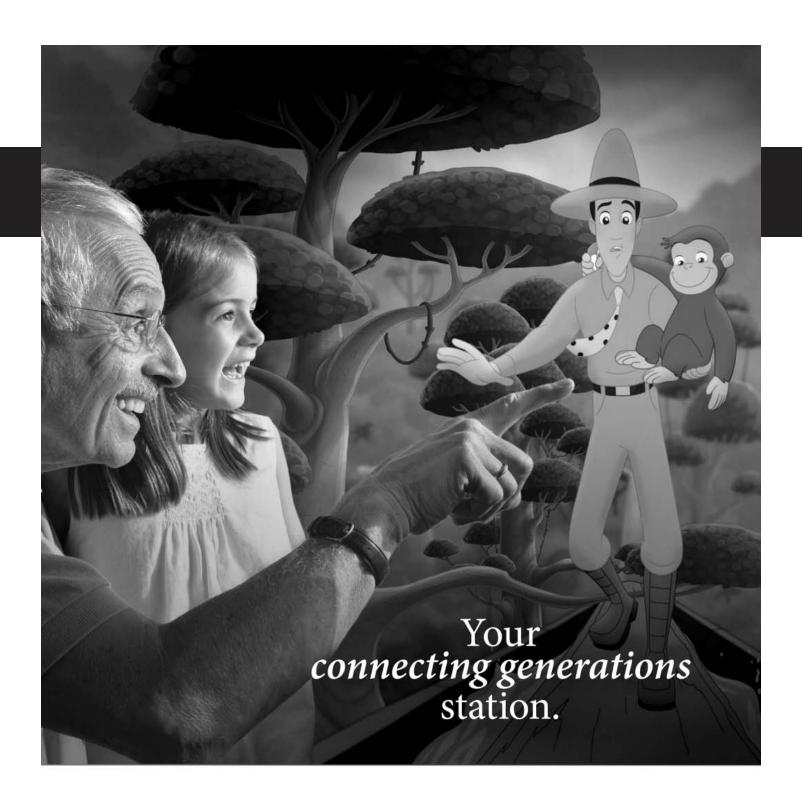


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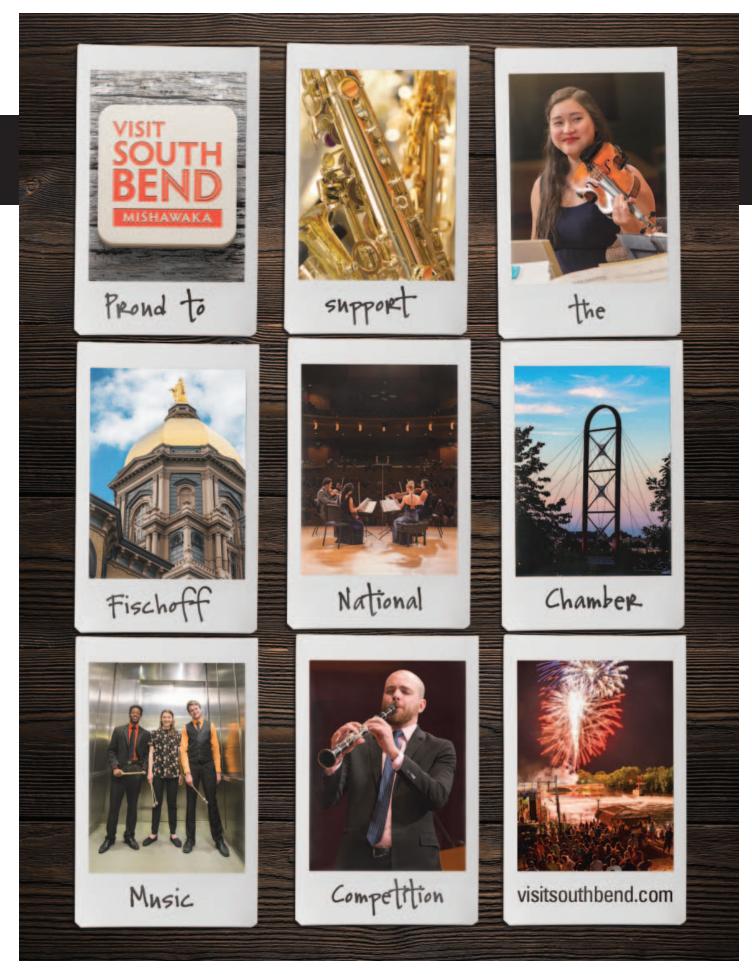








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Well, this is my last Fischoff Competition as executive director. What a ride it has been! After twenty-four years it's hard to know where to start explaining this journey.

I have had the best job in the world custom made just for me. Who can say that? From the start, my husband Paul, and sons Aaron and Chris, were very supportive of this new venture.

So was Fischoff's board. They gave me the freedom to dream, plan and execute. That is a fabulous gift. And, it's been the gift that keeps on giving. The current board is just as supportive.

But, it all started with my friend Tom Rosenberg, Fischoff's Artistic Director. He is solid gold for Fischoff. I think he asked me to help with the 1994 Fischoff Competition out of desperation. It was a fragile time for the organization, and while the integrity of the competition was already second to none, the finances, well, not so much. But, with the help of the community, loyal volunteers, a great board and staff, and imagination, we all improved the health of this fine organization. Thank you, Tom, for giving me a chance.

To those who have given me wise counsel over the years, and to key individuals who have quietly but generously supported Fischoff, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May I boast a little? I have a very discerning eye on knowing whom to hire. I pick really good people. There, I said it. Over the last twenty-four years, I've formed a team for the ages. I can't thank Tom, Miki, Pam, Carrie, Amanda, Tessa and Annie enough for their dependable and professional work. We are more than a team, we are friends. Through their good work,

they have helped jettison Fischoff to its current high place in America's classical chamber music world.

I decided to retire almost two years ago. I'm ready to try some new things and enjoy my family, too. (My first grandchild is on the way!) I gave the board fair warning just so we would all have time to adjust, plan and execute the transition without stressing the organization. I think we've done that admirably.

Now, I am so excited to welcome Carmen Creel into our community as Fischoff's next executive director. I know she will bring energy, enthusiasm and a wealth of experience to this position. It's a new chapter in Fischoff's story. Carmen will inherit a rich history of fabulous music making, quality programming for area children and youth, an incredible staff and board, and a fabulously supportive community. I have no doubt she will take Fischoff to the next level. Please warmly welcome her to this extraordinary enterprise and give her just as much support as was granted me all along the way.

As for all of the musicians, coaches, and parents I have known over the years, thank you so much for enriching my life through your music and friendship. For all of this, I am thankful beyond measure!

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Ann Divine Executive Director Fischoff National Chamber Music Association

COMING EVENTS

June 3, 2018: Fischoff Mentoring Program Recital, Hesburgh Auditorium, Kroc Institute, Notre Dame, 2:00 p.m. The 2018 Geoffroy Prize will be awarded to Du Luc String Trio at this event.

Summer 2018: Milton String Quartet 2017 Grand Prize Winner, Emilia Romagna Festival, Italy

September 19–28, 2018: Senior Wind Division Gold Medalist Tour, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania

October 20–28, 2018: Senior String Division Gold Medalist Tour, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

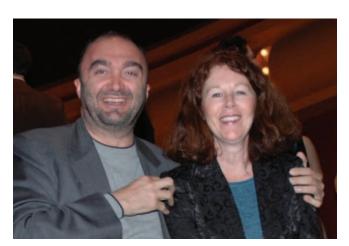
January 26, 2019: Winter Gala

Summer 2019: Grand Prize Winner's Tour, Italy, featuring the 2018 Grand Prize Winner

IMPORTANT COMPETITION DATES

February 27, 2019: Deadline for entries into the 2019 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition

May 10–12, 2019: 46th Annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition



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