

Haydn 2009

*The Complete 68 String Quartets of Joseph Haydn
in Montreal over four days!*

Ten concerts at Pollack Hall

March 19 to 22

Pollack Hall: 555 Sherbrooke Street West (McGill Metro, exit by Union Street)
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Montréal, March 2, 2009 – From March 19 to 22, eight renowned string quartets will present ten concerts in Pollack Hall as part of Haydn 2009, the complete 68 string quartets of Joseph Haydn.

Each concert will feature four quartets representing a microcosm of Haydn's work: one early quartet from Opus 1 or 2, two quartets from among those composed between 1769 and 1790, as well as a quartet from Haydn's mature period, showing the composer at the peak of his abilities.

The remaining 28 quartets will be presented during the day at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts by up-and-coming young ensembles from Canadian and American universities and conservatories.

Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.
SUPERNOVA STRING QUARTET (Canada)

Quartets Op. 1, No.1 (*The Hunt*), Op. 20, No. 2, Op. 33, No. 2 (*The Joke*) and Op. 77, No. 1

Formed in 2000 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the SuperNova String Quartet features three McGill University professors: Jonathan Crow, former concertmaster of the OSM, Mark Fewer, former concertmaster of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and Douglas McNabney, former principal viola with the OSQ, as well as acclaimed Canadian cellist Denise Djokic.

Thursday, March 19 at 9 p.m.
FESTETICS STRING QUARTET (Hungary)

Quartets Op. 1, No. 3, Op. 50, No. 1, Op. 55, No. 2 (*The Razor*), Op. 76, No. 3 (*Emperor*)

Haydn on period instruments! The Festetics Quartet has recorded all of Haydn's string quartets and was awarded a "Choc de l'année" at the 2001 Monde de la Musique, for its Haydn recording. This is the quartet's first appearance in Canada.



Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m.
ARTHUR-LEBLANC STRING QUARTET (Canada)



Quartets Op. 2, No. 2, Op. 17, No. 2, Op. 64, No. 2 and Op. 76, No. 4 (*Sunrise*)

In residence at Université Laval since 2005, the Arthur String Quartet performs some sixty concerts a year at major festivals and venues in Canada, Japan and Spain.



Friday, March 20 at 9 p.m.
BRENTANO STRING QUARTET (U.S.A.)



Quartets Op. 1, No. 0, Op. 20, No. 3, Op. 64, No. 4 and Op. 76, No. 5

The Brentano String Quartet, one of the most prominent and highly respected American ensembles, has played on the world's leading stages, garnering glowing reviews wherever it performs.

Saturday, March 21 at 4 p.m.
ALCAN STRING QUARTET (Canada)

Quartets Op. 1, No. 2, Op. 50, No. 6 (*The Frog*), Op. 55, No. 1 and Op. 76, No. 1

The Alcan String Quartet is one of this country's most exciting ensembles. Its originality and its remarkable cohesion have earned it an enviable reputation.

Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m.
YING STRING QUARTET (U.S.A.)

Quartets Op. 1, No. 6, Op. 50, No. 5 (*A Dream*), Op. 71, No. 2 and Op. 76, No. 2 (*The Fifths*)

The Grammy-winning Ying String Quartet consists of four brothers and sisters. The ensemble is in residence at the Eastman School of Music.

Saturday, March 21 at 9 p.m.
ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET (U.S.A.)

Quartets Op. 2, No. 1, Op. 9, No. 2, Op. 54, No. 2 and Op. 77, No. 2

One of the most accomplished ensembles of its generation, the St. Lawrence String Quartet has given more than 1,900 concerts on stages in North America, Europe and Asia. In 1992, the ensemble won first prize in the Banff International String Quartet Competition and the Young Artists International Auditions.

Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.
CLAUDEL-CANIMEX STRING QUARTET (Canada)

Quartets Op.1, No. 4, Op. 17, No. 6, Op. 74, No. 1, Op. 76, No. 6

Quebec's Claudel-Canimex Quartet is composed of four women who play on instruments built by Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume, an important eighteenth-century French luthier.

Sunday, March 22 at 4 p.m.
FESTETICS STRING QUARTET (Hungary)

Quartets Op. 2, No. 6, Op. 9, No. 4, Op. 64, No. 5 (*The Lark*) and Op. 74, No. 3 (*The Rider*)

Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m.
SUPERNOVA STRING QUARTET (Canada)

Quartets Op. 2, No. 4, Op. 33, No.1, Op. 64, No. 6 and Op. 103

Pass for all 10 concerts: \$60 (all included)

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Or phone 514-285-1600 # 440

Single tickets also available at \$25 / \$15 seniors / \$10 students

On sale at Pollack Hall Box Office, 555 Sherbrooke West: 514-398-4547

Haydn 2009 is presented by the Arte Musica Foundation, in collaboration with the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Schulich School of Music of McGill University to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) whose musical legacy in the genre of string quartet remains unsurpassed.

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