



Biography

Described as “...truly riveting...” by *MusicWeb International*, the Linden String Quartet is a winner of the 2010 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition. Founded in spring 2008, the Quartet has enjoyed remarkable success in three short years, also winning the Gold Medal and Grand Prize of the 2009 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Coleman-Barstow Prize at the 2009 Coleman National Chamber Ensemble Competition, First Prize at the 2010 Hugo Kauder Competition, and most recently, the ProQuartet Prize at the 9th Borciani International String Quartet Competition. Praised for its “**remarkable depth of technique and brilliantly nuanced, sumptuous tonality...delivered with a palpable, infectious joy**” (*MusicWeb International*), the Linden Quartet is currently the Graduate String-Quartet-in-Residence at Yale University, where the ensemble is mentored by the Tokyo String Quartet.

Summer 2011 appearances for the Linden Quartet include the Chautauqua Institution, the Chamber Music Festivals of Amelia Island (FL), Madison (GA), Ruidoso (NM) and Highlands-Cashiers (NC), as well as Princeton Summer Concerts series at Princeton University’s Richardson Auditorium. The Quartet was also selected recently for the prestigious *2011 A.N. and Pearl G. Barnett* Fellowship (including a \$25,000 award).

Highlights of the 2011-12 season include concerts in New York at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Recital Hall (produced by CAG) and at Merkin Concert Hall and two concerts at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts. Across the US, the ensemble appears on the Ravinia Festival’s Rising Stars series near Chicago, the Chamber Music Societies of Detroit and Little Rock, Friends of Chamber Music of Stockton, CA, Eureka Chamber Music Series, Quick Center for the Performing Arts at St. Bonaventure (NY) and BIG ARTS in Sanibel, FL. The Quartet also collaborates with CAG First Prize-winning pianist Michael Brown in joint recitals at the University of Illinois’ Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and on the Purdue University Convocations series.

The Linden Quartet is the 2011-12 Ernst Steifel Quartet-in-Residence at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, including a series of educational workshops in the school districts surrounding the Center. The Quartet is also the Canton Symphony Orchestra’s Quartet-in-Residence, a program established to promote the arts of Classical music and quartet playing through a series of presentations in various elementary schools in the Northeastern Ohio area. In spring 2010, the Quartet performed a one-week tour of Kentucky, focused on educational concerts in rural schools.

In addition to its regular work at Yale with the Tokyo Quartet, The Linden Quartet’s mentors have included the Cavani String Quartet, Peter Salaff and Paul Kantor. The Quartet has also worked with Donald Weilerstein and William Preucil of the Cleveland Quartet, Joel Smirnoff and Robert Mann of the Juilliard String Quartet and members of the Guarneri and St. Lawrence Quartets. The Quartet has collaborated with pianist Peter Frankl, guitarist Jason Vieaux, mezzo-soprano Jana Baty, violinist Geoff Nuttall, as well as acclaimed accordion and bandoneón player Julian Labro.

In summer 2010, the Linden String Quartet was resident ensemble at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, as well as chamber music festivals in Banff, Alberta and Stanford, California. As winners of the Fischhoff Grand Prize, the Quartet toured the Midwest in fall 2009 and the 2009-10 season included appearances at the Emilia Romagna Festival in Italy, a one-week concert tour throughout the state of Kentucky, and a one-week residency at the Music at Port Milford summer chamber music festival in Milford, Ontario.

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