



**ARIS QUARTET
WITH JUPITER STRING QUARTET**

Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:30pm
Foellinger Great Hall

PROGRAM

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Aris Quartet

Anna Katharina Wildermuth, violin

Noémi Zipperling, violin

Caspar Vinzens, viola

Lukas Sieber, violoncello

Jupiter String Quartet

Nelson Lee, violin

Meg Freivogel, violin

Liz Freivogel, viola

Daniel McDonough, cello

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

String Quartet in E-flat Major

Adagio ma non troppo.

Allegretto.

Romanze.

Allegro molto vivace.

Dmitri Shostakovich

String Quartet No. 8 in C Minor, Op. 110

Largo, attacca

Allegro molto, attacca

Allegretto, attacca

Largo, attacca

Largo

20-minute intermission

Felix Mendelssohn

Octet in E-flat Major, Op. 20 (with Jupiter String Quartet)

Allegro moderato ma con fuoco

Andante

Scherzo: Allegro leggierissimo

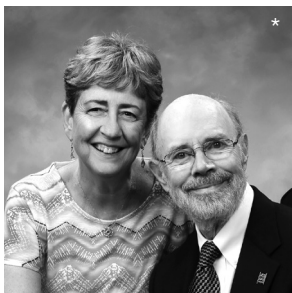
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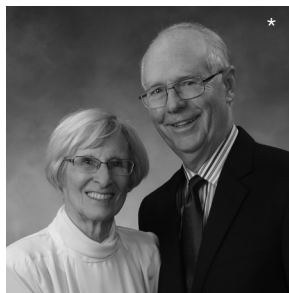
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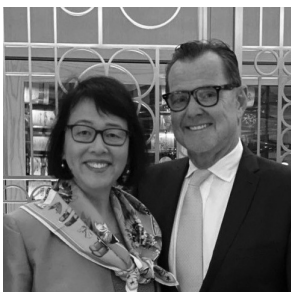
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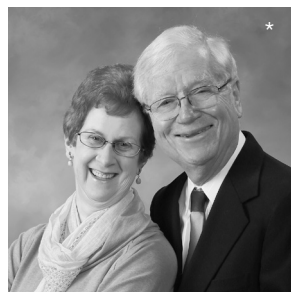
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FANNY MENDELSSOHN HENSEL

(1805–1847)

String Quartet in E-flat Major

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel was cast in the shadow of her famous little brother, Felix; appreciation for her music only began in the 1980s. Born into a culturally enlightened, affluent 19th-century family, she had a successful banker for a father, the son of the renowned theologian-philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, an early advocate of human rights and religious freedom, a pivotal figure in creating understanding between Judaism and German secular culture. (In 1816, Fanny and Felix, born Jewish, were baptized as Lutherans.) Her mother, a talented pianist, a good singer, fluent in French and English, read Homer in the original Greek.

Fanny and Felix learned piano from their mother, who soon realized that both were child prodigies. The two studied theory, harmony, counterpoint, and composition with composer Carl Friedrich Zelter; both began composing at a young age. At 13, Fanny completely memorized Bach's Preludes from the *Well-Tempered Clavier* and composed a song as her father's birthday surprise. Around 1822, the Mendelssohns began bi-weekly Sunday concerts in their home to provide their children with an audience for their musical endeavors.

As she was the older, initially Fanny became Felix's mentor, musical confidant, and advisor; they became mutually dependent, giving each other musical support and encouragement, but unfortunately, when Fanny turned fifteen, it became clear that they would not have similar career trajectories. Their parents' enlightened thinking did not extend to vocational opportunities for women. Her father explained,

"For you, music can and must only be an ornament . . . you must prepare more earnestly and eagerly for your real calling, the only calling of a young woman—to be a housewife." When Felix toured Europe as a pianist and a composer dazzling audiences everywhere he traveled, Fanny was compelled to stay home, although she continued to compose. She experienced the joys of musical achievement only vicariously, through the letters Felix sent home.

Fanny's talents, however, did not go unrecognized: the poet Goethe remarked on Felix's "equally gifted sister"; the contemporary musician Ferdinand Hiller wrote, "Much more than with Felix's performance, I was impressed with the accomplishments of his sister, Fanny." Felix, too, admitted that Fanny's piano playing was as good if not better than his. In 1827, three of Fanny's songs appeared in a collection Felix published under his own name as Op. 8; in 1830, he added three more of her songs to another collection, Op. 9. A review of Op. 8 in the *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung* singled out one of Fanny's as the most beautiful in the collection, and when Felix queried Queen Victoria which of his songs she preferred, she indicated one of Fanny's that Felix had included as his own.

In 1829, Fanny married the court painter Wilhelm Hensel (1794–1861); in 1830, she named her son, Sebastian Ludwig Felix, after her favorite composers, Bach, Beethoven, and her brother, Felix, in chronological order. Finding herself unable to be devoted wholly to mothering, in 1831, she began her own Sunday concerts at their home, capacious enough to seat an audience of 100 (the building later became the Upper Chamber of the Prussian Parliament). Her musicales offered Fanny an

opportunity to influence the music community through programming and collaboration with distinguished artists. These concerts became known throughout Germany, attracting diverse performers: Clara Schumann, Paganini, Gounod, and Liszt, and giving Fanny a vehicle to perform her own compositions.

Fanny could accept her husband's encouragement that she publish her work while her brother refused to support that endeavor, even though he confessed that Robert Schumann raved about her work. She wrote to Felix: "In any other matter, I'd naturally accede entirely to the wishes of my husband. But in this matter alone, it's crucial to have your approval; without it, I might not undertake anything of the kind." Her mother, too, wanted her to publish, (but her father did not) and wrote an appeal to Felix, but received a negative response: "Fanny, as I know her, possesses neither the inclination nor calling for authorship. She is too much of a woman for that, as is proper, and looks after her house and thinks neither about the public nor the musical world. . . . Publishing would only disturb her in these duties, and I cannot reconcile myself to it." Yet Felix occasionally articulated his admiration; on June 11, 1830, he wrote: "I tell you, Fanny, that I have only to think of some of your pieces to become quite tender and sincere. You really know what God was thinking when he invented music." Unquestionably, Felix treasured Fanny's musical judgment about his own work, regularly seeking her critical advice, never hesitating to modify or excise material that she found questionable.

Felix's reaction was not entirely consistent: he encouraged other female composers, helping them find funding and even conducting the premiere of Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto. Despite her father and her brother's misgivings, determined and dauntless, Fanny wrote: I'm beginning to publish . . . and if I've done it of my

own free will and cannot blame anyone in my family if aggravation results from it . . . I hope I shall not disgrace you, for I am no femme libre . . . If it [my publication] succeeds, that is, if people like the pieces and I receive further offers, I know it will be a great stimulus to me, which I have always needed in order to create. If not, I shall be at the same point where I have always been." Only about 10 percent of her almost 500 works were published: she composed 300 songs, many piano pieces, a string quartet, a piano trio, four cantatas, concert arias, and several chamber works. Fanny died an untimely death from a stroke at age 41. Felix died six months later, also succumbing to a stroke.

Fanny's String Quartet in E-flat Major, her only quartet, was not published until 1988; she composed it in 1834, and it took its origins from her abandoned piano sonata of 1828. This work is one of the very first significant string quartets that a woman composed. She worked extraordinarily hard on the work reviving the music of the abandoned sonata and revising its first two movements, composing a new third movement, Romanze, as well as creating a speedy finale.

Its composition was the occasion for an interchange between Fanny and her brother in which she smoothed over what could have caused a rift between them. Although he liked the third movement, he criticized her: "I must take to task the compositional style of the work in general or, if you wish, the form. I would advise you to pay greater heed to maintaining a certain form, particularly in the modulations—it is perfectly all right to shatter such a form, but it is the contents themselves which must shatter it, through inner necessity; without this, such new or unusual formal turns and modulations only make the piece more vague and diffuse." In her reply to him, although she thanks him for the "well-founded critique," she also asks if he might

have the quartet played, and then in a statement that is completely self-deprecating, admits, "It is not so much a certain way of composing that is lacking as it is a certain approach to life, and as a result of this shortcoming, my lengthy things die in their youth of decrepitude; I lack the ability to sustain ideas properly and give them the needed consistency. Therefore, lieder suit me best, in which if need be, merely a pretty idea without much potential for development can suffice." This thinking could certainly help to explain why she never wrote another quartet.

In four movements, the quartet begins, giving her imagination free rein, rather unconventionally, with a slow movement, *Adagio ma non troppo*, written more as a free form fantasia than in conventional sonata form. This beginning caused friction between Fanny and her brother Felix, who found it "mannered." Larry Todd, a Mendelssohn scholar, pointed out that the opening bars make a "telling allusion . . . to the quartets of Beethoven and thus made [evident] her contribution to the august tradition of the Austro-Germanic genre." She borrows the opening phrase of Beethoven's Harp Quartet and uses it to generate an opening of her first movement. The movement has a forward drive, which continues in the second movement, *Allegretto*, a scherzo, said to have been inspired by Paganini's Bell Rondo from his Violin Concerto No. 2, (Todd sees affinities here to Beethoven's 5th Symphony) which Fanny heard in 1829. The form of this movement is much clearer; it has a ternary ABA form, with a contrasting trio, a sort of fugato that traverses modulations with harmonic turbulence. The movement ends very softly with pizzicato chords.

The intense third movement, *Romanze*, begins with a lovely, poignant theme with repeated notes and sighing descending motives. A feeling of resignation is palpable. The movement has a dissonant, harmonically free middle section;

repeated chords bring back the initial music for recapitulation, with the theme now transferred to a high tessitura. In not emphasizing tonal centers and with her distinctive expressive use of harmony, Fanny separates herself from Classical composers in this quartet where she shows signs of Romantic intensity; nevertheless, allusions to the music of her brother can still be found easily enough. Todd sees her tonal exploration in her study of Beethoven's music.

The quartet concludes with an energetic finale, *Allegro molto vivace*, which has the drive of the opening movements, and also a firm tonal center. This brilliant, boisterous movement follows the traditional finale rondo form. Its first theme, announced by the violins in thirds, becomes the refrain that reappears, with slight alterations each time, and then concludes the work.

DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH (1906–1975)

Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Op. 110

Shostakovich's family, originally Polish, settled in Russia two generations before the composer's birth, when his grandfather was released from exile in Siberia. The composer received his first piano lessons from his mother, and at the age of thirteen, entered the Petrograd Conservatory. His graduation piece was his Symphony No. 1, a brilliant work that was soon performed widely. He proved to be music's last great classicist, the composer of fifteen symphonies, two operas, three ballets, fifteen string quartets, and many other works including thirty-six film scores. Curiously enough, however, he did not show much interest in writing string quartets early in his career.

Shostakovich came to maturity in an era when the rulers of Russia felt that their communist society should support new kinds of art. Russian

composers, poets, novelists, and painters soon formed a true avant-garde, but before long, official ideas changed. Communist aesthetic theoreticians attacked Shostakovich's next symphonies and his two operas of the late 1920s and early 1930s for such faults as "bourgeois decadence" and ideological "formalism," and withdrew them from circulation. With his Symphony No. 5 of 1937, which he humbly described as "a composer's reply to just criticism," he re-entered the mainstream of Russian musical life, but he had continued difficulties with the authorities until he published Symphony No. 13 (1962), which he dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Nazis' wartime mass murders at Baba-Yar. By that time, although his acknowledged position as one of the world's greatest living composers could not preserve him from public indignity, nevertheless, it did prevent him from being silenced for long.

String Quartet No. 8, composed in 1960, is one of Shostakovich's most emotional, private, and desolate works. He acknowledged that his viewing of the ruins of Dresden after World War II inspired the work; the music echoes the bleakness and the hopelessness of that vision. At first, Russian authorities described it as an anti-Fascist work, but Shostakovich himself, in his posthumously published autobiography *Testimony*, reveals that this composition speaks most clearly in an autobiographical voice. The music critic Paul Griffiths has hypothesized that this quartet actually owes its "relative popularity to the fact that it is ostensibly a public expression of privacy."

The quartet is written in five movements, characteristic of Shostakovich but one more than is usually traditionally used, and yet these five are different from Shostakovich's other quartets. Reflective of the general mood of the whole work

is the unusual fact that the first movement and the last two movements are written in a very slow tempo, Largo; this fact is especially exceptional since almost all quartets, and even most of Shostakovich's, conclude with a fast movement. Structurally, Quartet No. 8 is cyclical, returning in its final movement to the theme first articulated in the opening measures of the first movement.

The Borodin Quartet told an anecdote about a private performance of this piece which emphasizes the predominantly emotional nature of the experience of listening to this exceptional quartet. They played the quartet for Shostakovich in his home in Moscow, and during their performance, they noticed him sinking lower and lower in his chair as the music progressed. When they reached the end, the composer buried his head in his hands, "apparently sunk in inconsolable grief." Today's listeners might not necessarily be fully aware of the details of Shostakovich's life, especially how he was taken up with the struggles of trying to maintain artistic integrity and honesty under the Stalinist regime. Yet the impact of his suffering and pain still speaks as clearly from the music now as it did for Shostakovich as he listened to the playing of the Borodin Quartet.

The most distinctive feature of this quartet is Shostakovich's personal stamp, the musically initialed signature with which he begins and ends this poignant composition. In German notation, S(ES) is E flat, and H is B natural. Those notes, emblematic of D. SCH, are D, E flat, C and B, are the first notes the unaccompanied cello sounds in the quartet's first movement. After appearing episodically throughout, these notes return as the subject of the fugue, which brings the quartet to an end.

In his autobiography, Shostakovich identified for his listeners the many musical borrowings

he used in this quartet: a Russian revolutionary song that would have been recognized by his contemporary compatriot auditors, “Exhausted by the hardships of prison” and the medieval chant used in Requiem Masses, Dies Irae. Also present are quotations from his own music: in the first movement, Largo, he quotes from his own Symphony No. 1 and Symphony No. 5; in the second movement, Allegro Molto, he takes what he called a “Jewish” theme from his Piano Trio No. 2 of 1944. Known as the “Dance of Death” theme, it is said to be the theme the Jews in Nazi concentration camps sang as they were forced to dig their own graves; in the Allegretto third movement, Shostakovich quotes the opening of his Cello Concerto No. 1 of 1959; and in the fourth movement, Largo, a motif from the opera *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* appears.

The five movements are played without pause. Two Largo movements flank the quartet. A fugato opening theme begins the work’s initial Largo first movement, in which there are also three other themes. An angry, percussive toccata, Allegro molto follows and then the Dance of Death segment (mentioned above). The third movement is a menacing waltz based again on D-S-C-(H); the fourth movement, another slow movement, contains some brutal chords over the whine of the sustained violin sound. Some critics say this whining sound is reflective of gunfire over Dresden. The D-S-C-(H) motive predominates in the last Largo movement again; then there is a Russian funeral song, “Tormented by the Lack of Freedom” close to the end, and the D-S-C-(H) returns.

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809–1847)

Octet in E-flat, Op.20

Mendelssohn was a musical prodigy, a child

who wrote very mature compositions, sure in conception and execution. Understanding his talents, his family spared nothing to nurture his artistic maturity. Musicales held biweekly in their home in Berlin were often attended by important touring performers passing through the Prussian capital. The guests frequently performed, including works young Felix had just composed.

In this early period, Mendelssohn wrote symphonies and concertos; most he later considered juvenilia and never released for publication. His best-known youthful work is the Overture to *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, a miraculous score for a seventeen-year-old. Almost a year earlier, at sixteen, Mendelssohn composed this remarkable octet.

Mendelssohn’s Octet is scored for four violins, two violas, and two cellos, the equivalent of two conventional string quartets, but the music is for a single group of instruments. Few composers have written octets. Ludwig Spohr (1784–1859), a famous Mendelssohn contemporary, composed four Double Quartets, in which the second quartet basically accompanied the first. A century later, in 1925, Shostakovich wrote an octet, Prelude and Scherzo, and in 1949, Milhaud made a unique addition to this small repertoire with his String Quartets Nos. 14 and 15, two independent works that may also be played simultaneously as an octet. Mendelssohn’s score, however, was the first of its kind. Richly textured, it “must be played in symphonic [i.e. orchestral] style by all the instruments,” he said, yet he gave it as clear and transparent a texture as a well-written quartet.

The Octet begins with a magnificent movement, Allegro moderato ma con fuoco, based principally on a long, soaring opening theme for first violin, a marvelous organic melody, an astonishing conception, especially for a boy. A melancholy Andante is followed by a Scherzo,

Allegro leggierissimo, one of the greatest of all Mendelssohn's compositions.

The entire Scherzo, but for a single phrase before its closing coda, is played pianissimo, as softly as possible. The music seems to come from the same elfin country as the Scherzo for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which Mendelssohn would compose in 1843, eighteen years later. Mendelssohn's sister, Fanny revealed that Felix's inspiration for the Scherzo is the scene in Goethe's *Faust* that depicts the dancing on Walpurgis Night, a witches' festival on May 1, named for the 8th-century British nun, St. Walpurga, who helped introduce Christianity to Germany and was honored as a protectress against the black arts. Goethe's words were: "Trails of cloud and mist brighten up on high; a breeze in the leaves and wind in the chimney—and everything is scattered." Mendelssohn valued this movement so highly that he orchestrated it to replace the original Minuet on his First Symphony, but actually, if his juvenilia is taken into account, his Symphony No. 14.

In the last movement, a fugal Presto, modeled after those of Mozart's Jupiter Symphony and perhaps Beethoven's Quartet, Op. 59, No. 3, Mendelssohn inserted a quotation from the Scherzo.

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The musicians have performed in venues including London’s Wigmore Hall, the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, the Herbst Theatre San Francisco, and the Philharmonie de Paris. Their choice of chamber music partners is exceptional: Christiane Karg, Tabea Zimmermann, Daniel Müller-Schott, Eckart Runge, Kit Armstrong and Nils Mönkemeyer.

The ensemble also devotes itself to cross-genre projects, including with the jazz pianist Omer Klein. From the very beginning, the musicians have also placed a special focus on contemporary music. Composers such as Lukas Ligeti, Gerald Resch, Misato Mochizuki, and

Pierre Dominique Ponnelle have entrusted the Quartet with world premieres of their works.

Founded in Frankfurt am Main in 2009, the Aris Quartet, one of whose most important mentors has been Günter Pichler (Alban Berg Quartet), continues to perform to this day in an unchanged format. The ensemble’s success is no coincidence: having earned numerous first prizes at prestigious competitions, the Aris Quartet quickly achieved its international breakthrough. The musicians have also been honored as ECHO Rising Stars by the European Concert Hall Organisation, were among the BBC’s New Generation Artists, and have won five awards at the ARD International Music Competition in Munich.

In addition to regular appearances on radio and television, the Aris Quartet has already

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The **Jupiter String Quartet** is a particularly intimate group, consisting of violinists Nelson Lee and Meg Freivogel, violist Liz Freivogel (Meg’s older sister), and cellist Daniel McDonough (Meg’s husband, Liz’s brother-in-law). Founded in 2001, this tight-knit ensemble is firmly established as an important voice in the world of chamber music, and exudes an energy that is at once friendly, knowledgeable, and adventurous. The *New Yorker* states, “The Jupiter String Quartet, an ensemble of eloquent intensity, has matured into one of the mainstays of the American chamber-music scene.”

The quartet has performed in some of the world’s finest halls, including New York City’s Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, London’s Wigmore Hall, Boston’s Jordan Hall, Mexico City’s Palacio de Bellas Artes, Washington, DC’s Kennedy Center and Library of Congress, Austria’s Esterhazy Palace, and Seoul’s Sejong Chamber Hall. Their major music festival appearances include the Aspen Music Festival and School, Bowdoin International Music Festival, Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival, Rockport Music Festival, Music at Menlo, Tucson Winter Music Festival, the Seoul Spring Festival, and many others. In addition to their performing career, they have been artists-in-residence at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign since 2012, where they maintain private studios and direct the chamber music program.

Their chamber music honors and awards include the grand prizes in the Banff International String Quartet Competition and the Fischhoff National

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The quartet's latest album is a collaboration with the Jasper String Quartet (Marquis Classics, 2021), produced by Grammy-winner Judith Sherman. This collaborative album features the world premiere recording of Dan Visconti's *Eternal Breath*, Felix Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat, Op. 20, and Osvaldo Golijov's *Last Round*. The quartet's discography also includes numerous recordings on labels including Azica Records and Deutsche Grammophon.

The quartet chose its name because Jupiter was the most prominent planet in the night sky at the time of its formation and the astrological symbol for Jupiter resembles the number four.

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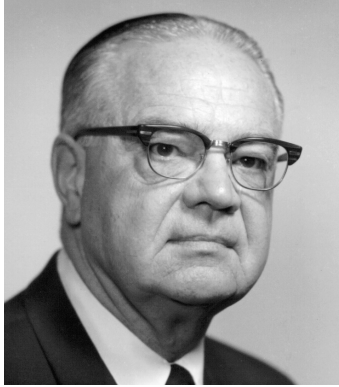
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AVIS HILFINGER (1915-2004)
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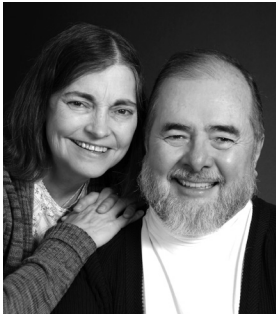
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ANNA MERRITT
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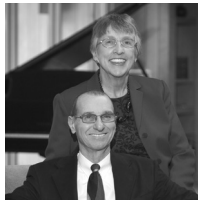
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ALICE PFEFFER
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ANONYMOUS
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LINDA M. MILLS
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JON LIEBMAN
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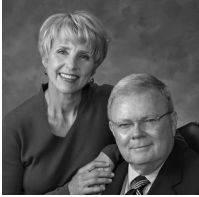


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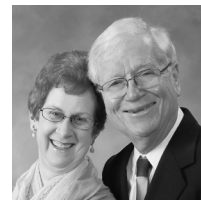
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