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We're presenting the Jasper Quartet on this Valentine's Day, and perhaps only coincidentally one of the works the ensemble will perform tonight is a cryptic Valentine. The music may sound angular and abstract, but it documents the course of Berg's extramarital affair with Hanna Fuchs-Robettin. Not only do the movement titles suggest an all-too-familiar sequence (from jovial through amorous and ecstatic to gloomy and sorrowful), but Berg incorporates his and Fuchs-Robettin's initials into the melodies, and ties the metronome markings to numerological associations with their names. The sixth movement's quotation of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* is a clear reference to illicit love.

If all these aspects of love can be expressed, however secretly, in twelve-tone music, as well as in sentimental greeting cards, little hard candies, and evanescent bouquets, we can't help repeating Cole Porter's musical question: "What is this thing called love?" And is "love" a concept we can rightly apply to our feelings about ... chamber music?

In other words, are we being silly if we clap our hands and enthuse, "Oh, I just love chamber music?" Well, yes, maybe the hand-clapping part is silly. But can you love music in the same way you love your spouse (assuming you do love your spouse; I won't judge you)? Obviously not. Yet that doesn't mean that what you feel about chamber music isn't some other kind of love. The ancient Greeks, not long after they learned how to blow into reed pipes and string up lyres, classified several different types of love, and even more elaborate taxonomies have developed in other cultures over the millennia. But at its simplest, there are two kinds of love: interpersonal, as you would feel for your spouse (or, in Berg's case, for his extracurricular partner); and impersonal, as you would feel for a cause, a cuisine ... or music.

So tonight, go ahead and fall in love again with chamber music. AFCM will be happy to arrange your assignations as long as your love lasts.

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JAMES REEL
President



# JASPER STRING QUARTET FEBRUARY 14, 2018



# Jasper String Quartet J Freivogel, *violin*Sae Chonabayashi, *violin*Sam Quintal, *viola*Rachel Henderson Freivogel, *cello*

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### JASPER STRING QUARTET

Winner of the prestigious CMA Cleveland Quartet Award, Philadelphia's Jasper String Quartet is the Professional Quartet-in-Residence at Temple University's Center for Gifted Young Musicians and the 2017–18 Guest Artist-in-Residence at Swarthmore College. They have been hailed as "sonically delightful and expressively compelling" (*The Strad*), and *The New York Times* named their latest album, *Unbound*, as one of the 25 Best Classical Recordings of 2017.

Formed at Oberlin Conservatory, the Jaspers began pursuing a professional career in 2006 while studying with James Dunham, Norman Fischer, and Kenneth Goldsmith as Rice University's Graduate Quartet-in-Residence. In 2008, the Quartet continued its training with the Tokyo String Quartet as Yale University's Graduate Quartet-in-Residence. The Jaspers swept through the competition circuit, winning the Grand Prize and the Audience Prize in the Plowman Chamber Music Competition, the Grand Prize at the Coleman Competition, First Prize at Chamber Music Yellow Springs, and the Silver Medal at the 2008 and 2009 Fischoff Chamber Music Competitions. They were also the first ensemble honored with Yale School of Music's Horatio Parker Memorial Prize, a faculty award given for "best fulfilling ... lofty musical ideals."

The Jaspers have performed hundreds of outreach programs in schools, and they enjoy educational work of all types. In 2018, the Quartet received their second Picasso Project Grant from Public Citizens for Children and Youth. This grant supports the Quartet's work with a South Philadelphia Public Elementary School throughout the spring, culminating in a performance together. In addition, Fischoff National Chamber Music Association recognized the Quartet's "outstanding and imaginative programming for children and youth in the United States" with their 2016 Educator Award.

Although this is the first appearance of the Jasper String Quartet on our concerts, we have heard J Freivogel's sisters, Liz and Meg, as members of the Jupiter String Quartet.

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

# **JOSEPH HAYDN (1732-1809)**

String Quartet in D Minor ("Fifths"), Op. 76, no. 2

Allegro

Andante o più tosto allegretto Menuetto: Allegro ma non troppo

Finale: Vivace assai

# **ALBÁN BERG (1885-1935)**

Lyric Suite

Allegretto gioviale Andante amoroso Allegro misterioso—Trio estatico Adagio appassionato Presto delirando—Tenebroso Largo desolato

# INTERMISSION

# **LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)**

String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 132

Assai sostenuto—Allegro Allegro ma non tanto Molto adagio—Andante Alla Marcia; assai vivace Allegro appassionato "I have secretly inserted our initials H. F. and A. B. into the music... may it be a small monument to our great love."

ALBAN BERG ON THE HIDDEN PROGRAM OF HIS LYRIC SUITE

HAYDN WROTE HIS Opus 76 set of six string quartets (1796-1797, published 1799) as a commission for Count Joseph Erdödy, a Hungarian aristocrat who was also an early supporter of Beethoven. Haydn had recently returned from his second immensely successful visit to London, where he was lionized as Europe's greatest living composer—an accurate assessment, since Mozart had died five years earlier and Beethoven had not yet established his reputation. Although Haydn had composed quartets for forty years, his Opus 76 set reveals new confidence. Greater technical assurance is evident in the profound slow movements, energetic minuets, and intellectually challenging finales of Opus 76. Because of the high level of workmanship in these imaginative quartets, Opus 76 is considered to be a peak of eighteenth-century chamber music.

Opus 76 No. 2 (D minor) has been nicknamed "Quinten" or "Fifths" because of the paired descending intervals of the fifth heard at its beginning and repeated over eighty times throughout the first movement. Since the opening four bars also resemble the melody marking the quarter hours of Big Ben, a familiar London landmark for Haydn, the quartet has also been nicknamed "The Bells."

The graceful Andante unfolds in a three-part design. The violin states the opening melody, which appears in the minor key in the middle section and returns with embellishments in the final part. The intricate third movement, known as the "Witches' Minuet," opens as a canon—the violins begin the melody, which three beats later is imitated an octave lower by the viola and cello to create the illusion of a ghostly echo. As a contrast, the trio section moves with chords that change dynamic level from very soft to very loud. The finale develops with syncopated rhythms and pungent intervals that capture the spirit of Hungarian folk music.

EARLY IN THE twentieth century Alban Berg and his mentor Arnold Schoenberg were the leading exponents of the Expressionist movement, a late Romantic style outgrowth that sought to convey the full range of psychological experience. In both his Expressionist operas (Wozzeck and Lulu) and his instrumental works, Berg depicted various states of mind through intensely wrought melodic lines and heightened harmonic color. Obsessed with extramusical associations, Berg frequently personalized his themes by deriving musical equivalents to names and events. From these resulting motifs he created a vast web of structural relationships. His philosopher friend Theodor Adorno identified Berg's Lyric Suite (1926) as "latent opera" because of its interconnected and emotional themes.

Lyric Suite has often been heard as an abstract work that achieves drama both through its progressively more contrasting tempos and through changes of character among its six movements. However, in 1977 Berg scholar George Perle discovered a copy of the score with the composer's personal annotations. This revelation has led to a programmatic interpretation of the work as a depiction of the secret love affair between Hanna Fuchs-Robettin and Berg, both of whom were married at the time and living with their spouses.

On the opening page of the Suite Berg wrote: "I have secretly inserted our initials H. F. and A. B. into the music ... may it be a small monument to our great love." Since in the German context H is equivalent to the note B and the letter B becomes the note B-flat, Berg easily weaves their initials into the musical pattern A–B-flat–B–F. This theme is an important component of the Suite's tone row—Berg's arrangement of each of the twelve tones of the octave into "Hanna's motif."

After three introductory chords containing all twelve tones of the chromatic scale, the violin plays this row at the beginning of the Allegretto gioviale (cheerful and moderately fast). Berg states that this sonata form movement "gives no hint of the tragedy to follow."

At the top of the Andante amoroso (leisurely and lovingly) Berg writes a notation to Hanna: "To you and your children I have dedicated this rondo—a musical form in which the themes (specifically your theme), closing the charming circle, continually recur." Hanna's melody, again heard in the first violin, is twice interrupted by musical figures that represent her children. The repeated Cs in the viola—"do" in solfeggio terminology—represent her daughter's nickname, "Dodo."

In the Allegro misterioso (fast and mysterious) the twelve-tone row recurs as a murmuring coloristic device. Berg inscribes the beginning date of their relationship together with the statement that "Everything was still a mystery—a mystery to us." An agitated "trio estatico" section varies the movement's center.

As the climactic fourth movement, Adagio appassionato (slow and passionate), subsides, Berg writes widely spaced words: "And fading—into—the wholly, ethereal, spiritual, transcendental..."

Berg's commentary for the Presto delirando (fast and delirious) fifth movement refers to "painful unrest" and "forebodings of pains and horrors to come." Largo desolato (very slow and desolate), the closing movement, includes a German translation of Baudelaire's poem "De profundis clamavi" (I cry from the depths) from his collection *Les fleurs du mal* (The Flowers of Evil) as well as the love motif from Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*.

**DURING THE EIGHT YEARS** before Beethoven began his monumental final set of string quartets, he endured a period of spiritual isolation. Because of complete deafness, desertion by earlier patrons, and difficulties with both family and publishers, he often lacked the will to compose. Fortunately, he was galvanized by a commission from Prince Nikolas Galitzin, a Russian nobleman and amateur cellist, for "two or three string quartets, for which labor I will be glad to pay you what you think proper." From May 1824 until November 1826, only four months before his death, Beethoven devoted all his energies to the creation of works for Galitzin (Opp. 127, 130, 132, and 133), as well as two other quartets written without commission (Opp. 131 and 135). Each of these transcendent

works explores a musical universe expanded by an unprecedented fluidity of structure that allows each work to develop according to the demands of Beethoven's vision.

During the composition of Opus 132 Beethoven had become seriously ill, most probably with liver disease, and was confined to bed for an entire month. His sketchbooks show that he had intended to construct Opus 132 in a traditional four-movement format. However, upon recovery he decided to add a central movement, the "Convalescent's Holy Song of Thanksgiving to the Deity," as an expression of gratitude for his restored health. The inclusion of this fifth movement, a statement of his humble yet fervent appreciation for life, contributes a deeply spiritual dimension to the entire quartet.

The quartet's slow introduction begins with a fournote motif in the cello—an ascending half step
followed by an upward leap. (One of the many
constructive links among these organically unified
quartets, this motif resembles themes heard in the
Opus 130 and Opus 131 quartets, which were
sketched at the same time but actually completed
after Opus 132.) This portentous motif returns
between the three main thematic ideas of the
Allegro, a sonata form movement remarkable in its
flexibility. The second movement is a wistful scherzo
that grows from two melodic cells. After a pastoral
musette suggesting a bagpipe drone, the opening
material returns.

Beethoven wrote his third movement in the ancient Lydian mode, which corresponds to the modern F major scale but with B-natural in place of B-flat. Constructed as a five-part aria, the movement alternates between the hymn and faster sections that programmatically depict the invalid's strength returning ("Neue Kraft fühlend"). A brief march movement follows. After a rhythmically free violin recitative, the rondo finale, "fast and impassioned," reaches an exuberant conclusion as the mode changes from A minor to A major.

Notes by Nancy Monsman

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Q: How long have you been involved with AFCM? Michael Coretz: My father got involved in the [what was then called] Friends of Music before I was born, and I grew up with classical music in the house. When I was young I remember the organizers having board meetings at my home. We moved furniture out of the living room and set up chairs for an annual concert for the patrons of the Arizona Friends of Music. So the answer is: my whole life. After my father passed away, my arm

**Q:** What is your current role on the Board? MC: I work on the Festival and special projects. Last year I organized an AFCM booth at the Tucson Festival of Books and helped introduce the Summertime Evenings series.

was twisted by Jean-Paul Bierny to join the board.

Q: What role does music play in your life? MC: I enjoy listening to music and find it to be powerful in many ways. No matter what kind of day I have had, music makes me happy. Music appeals to the heart; it stirs our emotions and reaches even into our subconscious mind and to our forgotten memories. It is the one universal art form that transcends race and creed, the rich and the poor. It can be practiced, played, sung, or listened to by anyone and everyone. That is its power.

Q: Did you play an instrument or perform as a child?

MC: The clarinet and saxophone.

# **Q:** What other kinds of music do you enjoy? MC: Mostly jazz and easy listening music.

# Q: What do you do when you're not working on AFCM?

MC: I am a commercial real estate broker, and I specialize in representing tenants and users of commercial real estate.

Q: Your interests outside of chamber music? MC: I am a connoisseur who enjoys wine and food, travel and photography, and spending time with my better half and our family.

**Q:** What is the best part of an AFCM concert? MC: The world-class music that we bring to Tucson.

Q: What is your favorite piece of chamber music? MC: I have a preference for any work that has a piano (since that was what my father played). Also I enjoy pieces from the Classical and Romantic eras.

# Q: What's your favorite book?

MC: *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* by Thomas Friedman.



# Postulate

CATHERINE WING

If a web's the spider's consequence, if water wears a skipped stone's name, then in me there is evidence of you.

If a slug leaves its route behind and a tire abandons its treads, then I wear a thread of you.

If cement can bear a handprint and the road ruts over time, then I am a hint of you.

If the wind pulls the weathervane, if the weathervane follows the wind, then here I strain for you.

If the shore marks a history of tides and the tides map the moon's longing, then I am occupied by you.

If love is visible in a face, if an expression casts a shadow, then in me see the trace of you.



Catherine Wing, "Postulate" from *Enter Invisible*.

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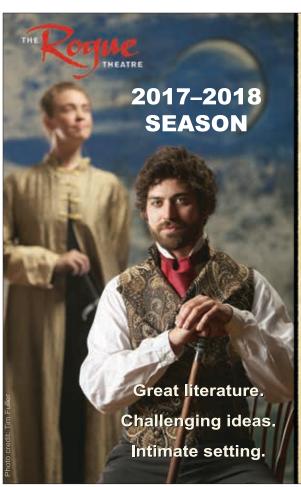


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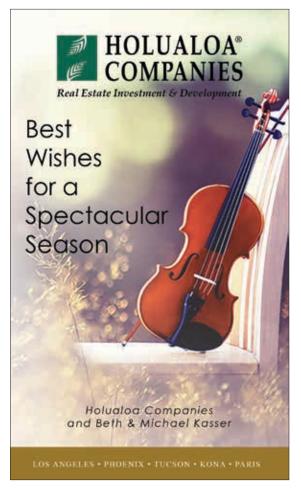
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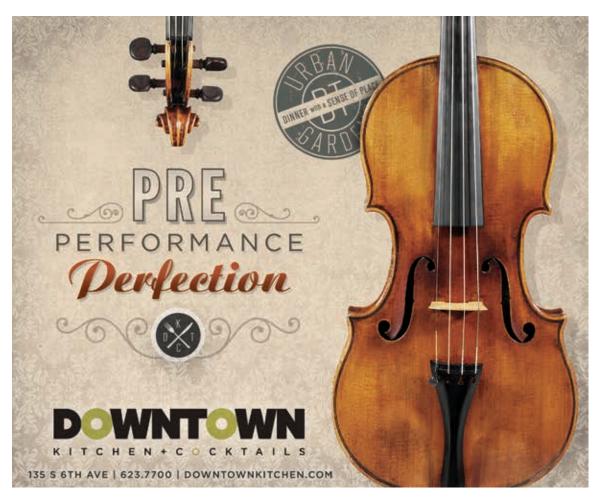
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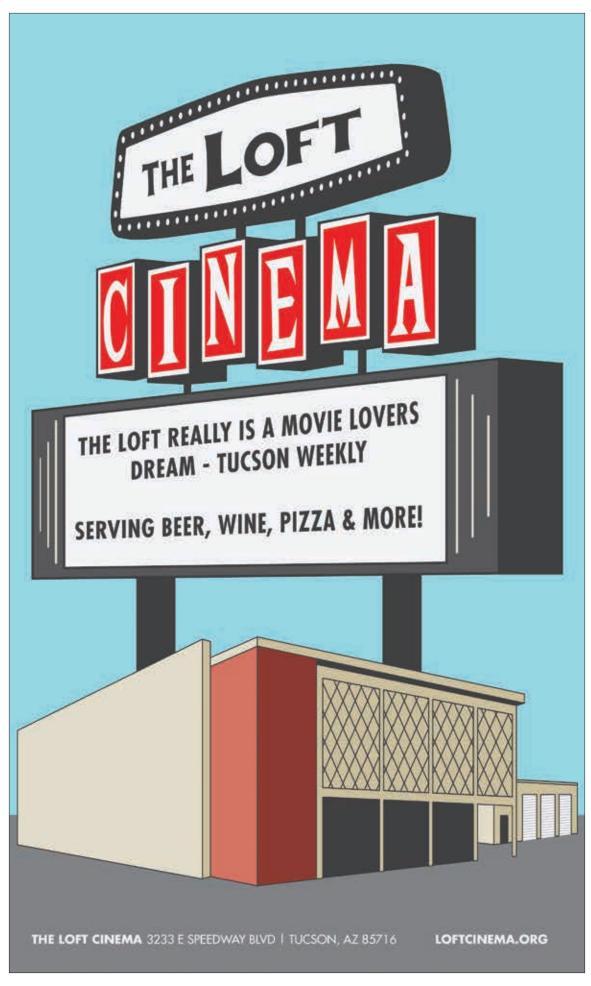
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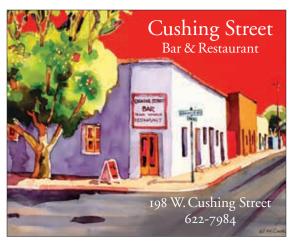
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