



PACIFICA QUARTET LAUNCHES CHICAGO-AREA BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 14, 2007–MARCH 2, 2008

**Concerts Feature Beethoven's Complete String Quartets in
CHICAGO • EVANSTON • RIVER FOREST**

Festival Events Also Include:

- **Pre-concert lectures**
- **Four public master classes**
- **A special "What Makes It Great?"
performance led by music
commentator Rob Kapilow**

Beginning **October 14, 2007** and continuing through **March 2, 2008**, six Chicago-area presenters will come together in a unique collaboration to present the **Pacifica Quartet Beethoven Festival**. Along with a wide range of lectures, master classes and special events, the award-winning Pacifica Quartet will perform Beethoven's monumental cycle of 16 string quartets. The festival marks the first Beethoven cycle to be offered in multiple venues around the city, promising to be a highlight of Chicago's 2007-08 concert season.

All Festival concerts take place on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm with pre-concert lectures at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 / \$5 for students. For tickets and further information, call 847.242.0775 or visit www.pacificabeethoven.com.

Having begun their professional residency in Chicago in 1995 and residing there until 2003, the Pacifica Quartet—Simin Ganatra, violin; Sibbi Bernhardsson, violin; Masumi Per Rostad, viola; and Brandon Vamos, cello—feels a special connection to Chicago and its people. With this city-wide undertaking, the ensemble endeavors to share its love of chamber music with Chicago's audiences.

PERFORMANCE DATES & LOCATIONS

Performance dates and locations are as follows:

Sunday, October 14, 2007 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston
(Sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of the North Shore.)

Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston
(Sponsored by the Music Institute of Chicago.)

Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Mandel Hall, 1131 E. 57th Street at University Avenue, Hyde Park, Chicago
(Sponsored by University of Chicago Presents.)

Sunday, February 3, 2008 at Ganz Hall, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, 7th Fl., Chicago
(Sponsored by the Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University.)

Sunday, February 17, 2007 at Lund Auditorium, 7900 W. Division Street, River Forest
(Sponsored by Dominican University.)

Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Gottlieb Hall, 38 S. Peoria Street, Chicago
(Sponsored by the Merit School of Music.)

PRE-CONCERT TALKS & OTHER FESTIVAL EVENTS

The Pacifica Quartet Beethoven Festival seeks to inspire Chicagoans through not only great chamber music performances but also via a number of special events and broadcasts. To begin, each performance will be accompanied by a pre-concert talk. On **October 14, February 3, February 17, and March 2, Henry Fogel**—past president of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and nationally-syndicated WFMT program host—will discuss the concert programs to be performed. On **October 28**, the **Pacifica Quartet** will share the performer's perspective in a **round-table discussion**. On **November 11**, the University of Chicago's Professor **Philip Gossett** will examine the afternoon's program, illustrating his lecture from the piano.

In a special appearance, **Rob Kapilow**, music commentator and pianist, will be joined by the Pacifica Quartet to illuminate Beethoven's string quartets in one of his signature and engaging "**What Makes It Great?**" lecture-concerts on **November 9, 2007** at 7:30pm at Nichols Concert Hall, Evanston. Tickets for this event are \$20 / \$5 students.

The members of Pacifica Quartet will also step into their role as music educators to mentor advanced student ensembles from Chicago-area music schools in **four master classes**. Open to the public, the classes will take place on **October 27** (Nichols Concert Hall, Evanston), **November 10** (Fine Arts Building, Chicago), **February 16** (Roosevelt University, Chicago), and **March 1** (Gottlieb Hall, Chicago). For further details, visit: www.pacificabeethoven.com

In addition, **WFMT Radio**, Chicago's fine arts and classical music station, will broadcast live interviews and performances by the Pacifica Quartet on **October 5 and 15**. The November 9 performance will be recorded for rebroadcast in January 2008.

IN NEW YORK CITY

The 2007-08 concert season will be particularly special for the Pacifica Quartet. Complementing their Beethoven activities in Chicago, the ensemble will also perform the complete cycle of Beethoven quartets in New York City in a series of 18 concerts at Columbia University's Philosophy Hall, presented by the Miller Theatre. These performances will be free and open to the public.

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