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Virtuoso Series Concert - Faculty Chamber Music

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Organ Recital Hall, University Center for the Arts

1400 Remington St., Fort Collins, Colorado

\$10, \$5/CSU Students, \$5/Youth (ages 6-17)

The Virtuoso Series Concerts continue in 2009 when the School of the Arts Faculty perform a Chamber Music Concert under the baton of Wes Kenney. The spring's faculty chamber music players include the Faculty String Quartet: Ron Francois, violin; Leslie Stewart, violin; Margaret Miller, viola; and Barbara Thiem, cello.

The stunning and delightful program begins with Mozart's *Flute Quartet in A major, K. 171*, featuring CSU faculty Michelle Stanley, flute. Next, the musicians turn to *String Trio*, a piece by Russian composer Alfred Schnittke that premiered in 1985. The evening concludes with Jacques Ibert's *Divertissement*, featuring a larger ensemble with strings, winds and piano played by faculty and students under the direction of Wes Kenney.

About The Musicians

Dr. Ronald Francois has performed extensively in his native Canada, the United States and Mexico in recitals, as a soloist with orchestras, and as a member of string chamber groups. He received the Bachelor of Music from McGill University and both a Master and Doctor of Music Degrees from the University of Maryland.

Leslie Stewart has played second violin in the Colorado State Faculty String Quartet since 2003 and performs frequently with the Fort Collins Symphony, Lafayette Pro Musica and Cheyenne Symphony and is a former member of the Puerto Rico Symphony and Alabama Symphony. She organized a chamber music series at the American Embassy in Paris and coached chamber music with young people and adult amateurs in Austria and the United States.

Margaret Miller maintains a private studio in Colorado Springs, and is active in the Colorado chapters of the American String Teachers Association and the Colorado State Music Teachers Association. For eighteen years, she was violist with the Da Vinci Quartet, touring throughout the country and also recording for the Naxos American Classics label.

Barbara Thiem is an internationally acclaimed cellist who combines teaching cello and chamber music with her active schedule of performances in Europe and the United States, playing recitals, solo with orchestra, and chamber music. She holds degrees from Cologne, Germany and from Indiana University where she was awarded the coveted Performer's Certificate. She is a member of the Mendelssohn Trio and Associate Director of the International Summer Academy at Schloss Ort, Austria.

Michelle Stanley is second flute/piccolo in the Colorado Ballet Orchestra and can be seen regularly with a wide variety of groups such as the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Music Festival Orchestra and the Boulder Bach Festival. She is a founding member and performer with the Sonora Chamber Ensemble that regularly performs and commissions chamber music. She has commissioned and premiered works from composers throughout the United States. Her first CD of newly commissioned chamber music is released by Centaur Records.

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