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22nd Annual Season
Napa Valley Chamber Music Festival
July 29 – August 21, 2016



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Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that *Music in the Vineyards* announces our 22nd season of concerts, presented at 13 stunning winery venues around the Napa Valley featuring 35 musicians of international renown.

This year we welcome four ensembles-in-residence to *Music in the Vineyards*: the **Escher, Jupiter** and **Pacifica** quartets and the **San Francisco Piano Trio**, a group that we are proud to say was formed from the bonds of friendship established in past summers at MITV.

The final week of the 2016 festival culminates with the complete quartets of **Ludwig van Beethoven**, performed in five concerts on successive days by the **Pacifica Quartet**. Hosting these concerts will be guest commentator **Nuvi Mehta**, the Artistic Director of the Ventura Music Festival who will share his insights on the Beethoven quartets.

We open the season at Freemark Abbey Winery with the majestic Clarinet Quintet of Johannes Brahms featuring clarinet phenom **Burt Hara** of the L.A. Philharmonic. Other season highlights include this year's winner of the *Irving M. Klein International Competition*, 17 year-old cellist **Oliver Herbert**, who will play Debussy's Cello Sonata at Frog's Leap Winery.

There is a lot of excitement buzzing around a new work by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer **Kevin Puts**. His setting of W.B. Yeats poetry, *In At The Eye* will be premiered at the picturesque Chimney Rock Winery.

Silverado Winery is our home for three concerts featuring masterpieces by Haydn, Brahms, Smetana, Boccherini and Schumann with international viola soloist **Paul Neubauer** featured in *Soul Garden* by **Derek Bermel**.

At our closing night party you can meet your favorite musicians at the beautiful Meadowood Resort, where we celebrate the season with a great meal, companionship of fellow music lovers and some Napa Valley fine wines!

Get your tickets early as *Music in the Vineyards* concerts do sell out. We'll look for you at intermission, enjoying a glass of Napa wine!

Sincerely,

Michael and Daria Adams
Artistic Directors, *Music in the Vineyards*

Tickets now on sale

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The Esterhazy Society Concerts

For the past several years, a good part of the annual support for *Music in the Vineyards* has come from a major fundraising event, or gala, replete with live auction. This year we asked ourselves might there be a better way? Could we offer our donors an opportunity more in keeping with our mission — which is to present great chamber music in intimate Napa Valley settings.

These concerts are our answer. By joining *The Esterhazy Society* (named after Haydn's great patron), you will receive admission to exclusive Estate Concerts. These private musical and culinary gatherings take place during our season in two beautiful estates in the Napa Valley.

Here is your chance to be treated like royalty while ensuring the future success of *Music in the Vineyards*. We look forward to seeing you there.

Membership of the Society starts at \$500 per person for each concert. For support levels please see our website, give us a call, or see the separate invitation.



Saturday, July 30, 5:00 pm

The Sara and Austin Hills Estate,
Box Canyon, Stag's Leap District

Usher in a beautiful summer evening by enjoying a classical Italian-themed concert. Charm, lightness, and optimism describe both the music on this program and the playing of the fabulous Escher Quartet, on display in this sunny quartet of Mendelssohn. Presented in an exquisite 18th century paneled and painted European salon, purchased by the Hills from the De Young Museum.

Program

Pugnani: Duo for Two Violins
Boccherini: Quintet for Strings in C
Mendelssohn: String Quartet in D, op. 44 no. 1

Musicians

The Escher Quartet
Violin: Adam Barnett-Hart, Aaron Boyd
Viola: Pierre Lapointe
Cello: Brook Speltz

Violin: Amy Schwartz Moretti
Cello: Anthony Ross
Clarinet: Burt Hara

Dinner

A buffet dinner follows on the lawn looking out on the red and ochre volcanic walls of Box Canyon. Wines by Grgich Hills.

Sunday, August 14, 11:00 am

The Barbara and Donald Niemann Estate
at Lake Hennessey

Greet the morning in this contemporary limestone-faced home, designed by the late Andrew Batey. In this concert a cello sonata by a young Samuel Barber, composed as he was finishing his studies at the Curtis Institute of Music, is paired with Schumann's masterful piano quartet, written at the height of his compositional genius. Both pieces feature the Niemann's exceptional Bösendorfer piano.

Program

Barber: Sonata for Cello and Piano
Schumann: Quartet for Piano and Strings
Mark O'Connor: F.C.'s Jig

Musicians

Violin: Kerry McDermott
Viola: Paul Neubauer
Cello: Nicholas Canellakis
Piano: Michael Brown

Brunch

Following the concert, a brunch featuring sparkling wines from Domaine Carneros will be served on a terrace overlooking the pool and lake.

Friday, July 29, 7:30 pm

Freemark Abbey

3022 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena

freemarkabbey.com

We raise the curtain with Mozart's only completed string trio, "intended to offer something special in the way of art, invention, and good spirits" — according to biographer Alfred Einstein, who called it one of Mozart's noblest works. Brahms' signature work for clarinet and strings, which he was compelled to write after his official "retirement," features festival favorite Burt Hara on clarinet.

Program

Mozart: Divertimento for String Trio

Brahms: Quintet for Clarinet and Strings

Musicians

The Escher Quartet:

Violin: Adam Barnett-Hart, Aaron Boyd

Viola: Pierre Lapointe

Cello: Brook Speltz

Violin: Amy Schwartz Moretti

Cello: Anthony Ross

Clarinet: Burt Hara



Sunday, July 31, 5:00 pm

Jamieson Ranch Vineyards

1 Kirkland Ranch Road, American Canyon

jamiesonranch.com

NEW VENUE FOR 2016

Ravel's singular string quartet opens a program that features two rarely heard gems by Glazunov and Weber. Mozart's genius is on display in his penultimate work of chamber music.

Program

Ravel: String Quartet

Glazunov: *Oriental Reverie* for Clarinet and String Quartet

Carl Maria von Weber: Introduction, Theme and Variations for Clarinet and Strings

Mozart: Quintet for Strings in D



Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Talk

7:30 pm: Concert

Domaine Carneros

1240 Duhig Road, Napa

domainecarneros.com

The San Francisco Piano Trio

In their first-ever appearance at MITV as an ensemble, three familiar faces join forces in a program of classics for piano trio. Axel Strauss, Jean Michel-Fonteneau and Jeffrey Sykes share their love of making music together in this program of Schubert, Ravel and Piazzolla.

Program

6:30 pm: *The Inside Story*

Musical Alchemy: how three musicians—who met at MITV—joined forces to form a new ensemble.

7:30 pm

Schubert: Piano Trio in B flat

Ravel: Piano Trio in A

Piazzolla: *Le Grand Tango*

Musicians

The San Francisco Piano Trio

Violin: Axel Strauss

Cello: Jean-Michel Fonteneau

Piano: Jeffrey Sykes

Friday, August 5, 7:30 pm

Frog's Leap Winery

8815 Conn Creek Road, Rutherford

frogsleap.com

The winner of the 2015 Irving M. Klein International String Competition, 17 year-old cellist Oliver Herbert will dazzle in the Debussy Sonata while César Franck's emotional piano quintet, composed while he was infatuated with one of his students, displays its heart-on-the-sleeve romanticism.

Program

Debussy: Sonata for Cello and Piano

Bridge: *Phantasy* Quartet

Taffanel: Fantasy on Themes from the Opera *Mignon* for Flute and Piano

Franck: Quintet for Piano and Strings



Saturday, August 6, 5:00 pm

Clos Pegase Winery

1060 Dunaweal Lane, Calistoga

clospegase.com

The stunning acoustics of the Cave Theater at Clos Pegase add something special to any program, whether it's in the warmth and brilliance of Lorna McGhee's flute, or the rich textures and folksy charm of Dvořák's string quintet.

Program

Amy Beach: Theme and Variations for Flute and String Quartet

Gluck: Dance of the *Blessed Spirits*

Vivaldi: Variations on *La Folia*

Dvořák: Quintet for strings in E flat, *American*

Sunday, August 7, 5:00 pm

Chimney Rock

5350 Silverado Trail, Napa

chimneyrock.com

An MITV-commissioned work from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts highlights this program which includes Haydn's tongue-in-cheek *Master and the Pupil* and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet, winner of the Stalin Prize in 1941.

Program

Haydn: String Quartet op. 50 no 5

Kevin Puts: *In at the Eye* for Baritone, Flute, Violin, Cello and Piano (W. B. Yeats text)

Haydn: *The Master and the Pupil* for Piano Four Hands

Shostakovich: Quintet for Piano and Strings

Musicians

Violin: Ara Gregorian, Hye Jin Kim, Axel Strauss, Daria Adams

Viola: David Harding, Lawrence Neuman, Michael Adams

Cello: Jean-Michel Fonteneau, Oliver Herbert, Tanya Tomkins

Piano: Rieko Aizawa, Jeffrey Sykes

Flute: Lorna McGhee

Baritone: Timothy Jones



Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Talk

7:30 pm: Concert

Markham Vineyards

2812 St. Helena Highway North, St. Helena

markhamvineyards.com

The Jupiter Quartet

This tightly-knit ensemble, consisting of two siblings and a married couple, has firmly established itself as an important voice in the world of chamber music. Winners of an Avery Fisher Career Grant and numerous competitions, the Jupiter Quartet is the Ensemble-in-Residence at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, the position previously held by the Pacifica Quartet.

Program

6:30 pm The Inside Story

Why Bartok Matters: Bela Bartok's six quartets, considered the most important contribution to the genre in the 20th century, are an intimate entree into the world of this withdrawn and enigmatic composer. Explore the essence of Bartok prior to a performance of his Quartet no. 5.

7:30 pm

Wolff: Italian Serenade

Bartok: String Quartet No. 5

Dvořák: String Quartet in E flat, op. 51

Musicians

The Jupiter Quartet

Violin: Nelson Lee, Megan Freivogel

Viola: Liz Freivogel

Cello: Daniel McDonough

Friday, August 12, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Recital

7:30 pm: Concert

Silverado Vineyards

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa

silveradovineyards.com

Masterworks of Haydn and Brahms bookend Martinu's Czech-flavored *Madrigals*, a brilliant musical conversation for violin and viola, and Jessie Montgomery's *Strum*, which is "Turbulent, wildly colorful and exploding with life..." per *The Washington Post*. Arrive early to hear the winners of our third annual Solo Instrumental Competition!

Program

6:30 pm: Pre Concert recital by the MITV Solo Competition Winners

We present the winners of our third annual Solo Instrumental Competition featuring three of the area's most talented high school musicians.

7:30 pm

Haydn: Piano Trio no. 15 in G

Martinu: *Madrigals* for Violin and Viola

Jessie Montgomery: *Strum* for String Quartet

Brahms: String Quintet in F op. 88



Saturday, August 13, 5:00 pm

Silverado Vineyards

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa

silveradovineyards.com

Derek Bermel's *Soul Garden* is a remarkable mash-up; the solo viola brings the essence of gospel face-to-face with the European tradition. Boccherini's cello quintet conjures the nightlife of Madrid and Ravel's Violin Sonata pays tribute to the blues.

Program

Boccherini: Quintet for Strings, *Night Music of Madrid*

Bermel: *Soul Garden* for Viola and String Quintet

Ravel: Sonata for Violin and Piano

Bridge: Sextet for Strings

Sunday August 14

11:00 am

Niemann Estate Concert

For full details see page 5.

5:00 pm

Silverado Vineyards

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa

silveradovineyards.com

The music of composer, conductor and pianist Johann Hummel—the remarkable triple threat of the post-Beethoven age, opens this program — followed by two cornerstone works of the repertoire: Smetana's autobiographical quartet—written in total deafness, and Robert Schumann's piano quintet.

Program

Hummel: Piano Trio no. 1

Smetana: String Quartet no. 1, *From My Life*

Schumann: Quintet for Piano and Strings

Musicians

Violin: Megan Freivogel, Nelson Lee, Kerry McDermott, Kyoko Takezawa, Daria Adams

Viola: Liz Freivogel, Paul Neubauer, Roger Tapping, Michael Adams

Cello: Natasha Brofsky, Nicholas Canellakis, Daniel McDonough

Piano: Michael Brown, Eric Zivian



The Beethoven Cycle – The Pacifica Quartet

The 16 String Quartets of Ludwig van Beethoven are considered the pinnacle achievement of the chamber music repertoire. *Music in the Vineyards* is proud to present the ~~Pacifica Quartet~~, one of the pre-eminent interpreters of Beethoven, in this five night epic event.

Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Talk

7:30 pm: Concert

Hudson House, Beringer Vineyards

2000 Main Street, St. Helena

beringer.com

Program One

6:30 pm The Inside Story

A Revolutionary in Revolutionary Times:
Beethoven's Creations for String Quartet
with Nuvi Mehta

7:30 pm

String Quartet op. 18 no. 3

String Quartet op. 95, *Serioso*

String Quartet op. 18 no. 6

String Quartet op. 135

Thursday, August 18, 7:30 pm

The Hess Collection

4411 Redwood Road, Napa

hesscollection.com

Program Two

String Quartet op. 127

String Quartet op. 18 no. 1

String Quartet op. 59 no. 3

Friday, August 19, 7:30 pm

Robert Mondavi Winery

7801 St. Helena Highway, Oakville

robertmondavi.com

Program Three

String Quartet op. 18 no. 5

String Quartet op. 59 no. 2

String Quartet op. 130

Musicians

The Pacifica Quartet

Violin: ~~Simin Ganatra~~, ~~Sibbi Bernhardsson~~

Viola: ~~Masumi Per Rostad~~

Cello: ~~Brandon Vames~~

Each concert will be hosted by guest commentator Nuvi Mehta, Artistic Director of the Ventura Music Festival. The *LA Times* says, “His old-fashioned...charisma extends to an eloquent and theatrical way of speaking that is almost entirely lost today.”

Saturday, August 20, 5:00 pm

Jamieson Ranch Vineyards

1 Kirkland Ranch Road, American Canyon

jamiesonranch.com

NEW VENUE FOR 2016

Program Four

String Quartet op. 18 no. 2

String Quartet op. 59 no. 1

String Quartet op. 131

Sunday, August 21, 5:00 pm

Inglenook

1991 St. Helena Hwy, Rutherford

inglenook.com

Program Five

String Quartet op. 18 no. 4

String Quartet op. 74, *Harp*

String Quartet op. 132

Sunday, August 21, 7:30 pm, \$145

Closing Night Celebration

Meadowood Napa Valley

900 Meadowood Lane, St. Helena

meadowood.com

Mingle with our musicians under the moon at this celebration on the lawn of the Vintners Glen with a premier wine reception and buffet dinner.



Free Festival Events

Free Open Rehearsals

Thursdays from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

July 28

Napa Valley Performing Arts Center
at Lincoln Theater, 100 California Dr., Yountville

August 4, 11 & 18

Napa Valley College, Upper Campus
1088 College Ave., St. Helena

Pre-Concert Talks

At 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, August 3, 10 and 17, we present *The Inside Story* a series of free pre-concert talks open to concert ticket holders. For details see individual concert listings.

Solo Instrumental Competition

At 6:30 pm on Friday, August 12, the winners of our third annual Solo Instrumental Competition will give a short free recital. Come along and support *Music in the Vineyards'* Education program.

Dinner Near the Vineyards

Many of our concert venues are close to fantastic restaurants where you can dine before or after the performance. Check our website for a list of locations.

Tickets & Information

Be an early bird and get a 10%

discount. Book by July 1 and individual evening concert tickets cost \$55 each. From July 1 onwards tickets are \$60 each.

Festival Packages:

Get a larger discount with a festival package:

- All fourteen evening concerts \$795
- Eight evening concerts for \$425
- Special Beethoven Cycle package for all five concerts \$266

Packages are available by telephone, mail or fax.

The Esterhazy Society Concerts are not included in the above packages.

All concerts are held indoors.

Venues and starting times vary.

Upon receipt of your order, we will send you a letter confirming your booking. We do not print tickets. Your name will appear on a reservation list the day of the concert. For admittance, check in at the front desk.

Complimentary wine tastings are offered at all concerts. Tickets are non-refundable. Programs are subject to change. For information and tickets: musicinthevineyards.org

Book via our website, we do not charge processing or convenience fees.

Call 707.258.5559 or return the order form to the right by fax 707.258.5566 or mail to: Music in the Vineyards, P.O. Box 6297, Napa, CA 94581



Ticket Order Form

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of Tickets

All 15 Evening Concerts	\$795	
Any 8 Evening Concerts	\$425	
5 Beethoven Cycle Concerts (Aug 17 - 21)	\$266	

Individual Concerts (\$55 up to July 1st, \$60 from July 2nd)

Fri	Jul 29	Freemark Abbey	7:30 pm	
Sun	Jul 31	Jamieson Ranch Vineyards	5:00 pm	
Wed	Aug 3	Domaine Carneros	7:30 pm	
Fri	Aug 5	Frog's Leap	7:30 pm	
Sat	Aug 6	Clos Pegase Winery	5:00 pm	
Sun	Aug 7	Chimney Rock	5:00 pm	
Wed	Aug 10	Markham Vineyards	7:30 pm	
Fri	Aug 12	Silverado Vineyards	7:30 pm	
Sat	Aug 13	Silverado Vineyards	5:00 pm	
Sun	Aug 14	Silverado Vineyards	5:00 pm	
Wed	Aug 17	Beringer Vineyards	7:30 pm	
Thur	Aug 18	Hess Collection	7:30 pm	
Fri	Aug 19	Robert Mondavi Winery	7:30 pm	
Sat	Aug 20	Jamieson Ranch Vineyards	5:00 pm	
Sun	Aug 21	Inglenook	5:00 pm	

Esterhazy Society Concerts not included in festival packages

Sat	Jul 30	Hills Estate Concert	5:00 pm	\$500	
Sun	Aug 14	Niemann Estate Concert	11:00 am	\$500	

Closing Night Celebration not included in festival packages

Sun	Aug 21	Meadowood	7:30 pm	\$145	
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