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23rd Annual Season Napa Valley Chamber Music Festival **August 4 – 27, 2017**



July/August

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Wednesday

Thursday

2:00 pm

Free Open

Rehearsal Napa Valley College Upper Campus, St. Helena

Friday

7:30 pm

Frog's Leap Winery

Saturday

Sunday



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Napa Valley Chamber Music Festival August 4–27, 2017 **23rd Annual Season**

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

It's not often that one gets the chance to hear musicians of the exceptionally high caliber of those who will converge upon the Napa Valley in August for our 23rd season. We know, because we get to handpick them; musicians who are world-renowned in their field as soloists, chamber musicians, orchestra musicians and master teachers.

Enclosed is your guide to hearing them, in programs we've selected specifically for the unique ambiance of our 12 winery hosts: Charles Krug, Chimney Rock, Clos Pegase, Domaine Carneros, Freemark Abbey, Frog's Leap, The Hess Collection, Inglenook, Jamieson Ranch, Merryvale, Robert Mondavi and Silverado Vineyards. We also celebrate the inaugural year of the St. Helena Performing Arts Center with a Friday evening concert.

Our 2017 season will be anchored by four ensembles that represent the best and brightest in the chamber music world: **The Pacifica Quartet** (for their 14th summer!), the **Escher Quartet** (their 4th appearance), the **Horszowski Trio** (2nd) and making their MITV debut, the **Chiara String Quartet**, who attempt the impossible by playing from memory!

Each concert is hosted by Artistic Director **Michael Adams** whose irreverent, erudite introductions are a popular feature of the festival. You're also invited to drop in to our four **free** open rehearsals on Thursday afternoons.

Tickets can be ordered online now at <u>musicinthevineyards.org</u>, or using the convenient order form on page 15.

We hope to see you at a concert—which will include a glass of wine at intermission to toast our 23rd season of great musicmaking in the Napa Valley! Sincerely.

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

Tickets now on sale

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La Belle Époque Parisian Fête

Saturday, August 12, 2017 5:30 pm

Charles Krug Winery

2800 Main Street, St. Helena <u>charleskrug.com</u> \$275 per person / \$2,000 per table (8)

Join us for a fabulous evening of *haute cuisine*, wine and music to mark the 23rd season of Music in the Vineyards. Following a wine and *hors d'oeuvres* reception, you'll enjoy a chamber music concert in the historic Carriage House; dine on the great lawn to the strains of *café dansant* music by the Baguette Quartette; and finally join in an exciting live auction to benefit the education and community-focused programs of Music in the Vineyards.

Program

Leclair: Sonata for two violins Bach: Partita no. 3, *Preludio* Ysaÿe: Sonata no. 2; *Obsession* Ravel: String Quartet: 1st movement Bizet: *Carmen* Suite for four violins

Musicians

The Pacifica Quartet Violin: Sibbi Bernhardsson, Francisco Fullana, Simin Ganatra, Mari Lee, Violaine Melançon, Daria Adams Viola: Masumi Per Rostad Cello: Joshua Roman, Brandon Vamos

Auction Sneak Peek! Chateau in the Bordeaux Region

- 7 Nights / 12 people
- 6 bedrooms each with its own bath
- November 1, 2017 March 31, 2018*

This enchanting 19th century castle is set amid 50 acres of beautiful countryside and rolling vineyards of the Entre-deux-Mers region of France. Only 25 minutes from Bordeaux city, it has been lovingly restored to a high standard and is furnished with antiques and period furniture. The location and timing are perfect for a family reunion or a get-away with friends during truffle season when many would argue is truly the best time for European travel.

* Blackout dates: Christmas/New Year week

Friday, August 4, 7:30 pm

Frog's Leap Winery 8815 Conn Creek Road, Rutherford

frogsleap.com

Into this charming mix of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms comes the remarkable Frenchwoman Cécile Chaminade, awarded the French *Légion d'Honneur* in 1913, a first for a female composer! The **Horszowski Trio** end the program with Brahms' second trio, about which he told his publisher "You have not yet had such a beautiful trio from me and very likely have not published its equal...."

Program

Bach: Trio Sonata Beethoven: Trio for clarinet, cello and piano Chaminade: Concertino for flute Brahms: Piano Trio no. 2 in C

Musicians

The Horszowski Trio Violin: Jesse Mills Cello: Raman Ramakrishnan Piano: Rieko Aizawa

Violin: Erin Keefe, Kyoko Takezawa, Daria Adams Viola: David Harding, Melissa Reardon Cello: Suren Bagratuni Bass: Scott Pingel Flute: Lorna McGhee Clarinet: Osmo Vänskä Bassoon: Stephen Paulson



Saturday, August 5, 5:30 pm

Jamieson Ranch Vineyards 1 Kirkland Ranch Road, American Canyon

jamiesonranch.com

The sparkling flute quartet of Mozart and Mendelssohn's sublime viola quintet bookend two equally remarkable works: Jean Françaix's string trio–a favorite of Jascha Heifetz–and *Arcana* by Pulitzer Prizewinner Kevin Puts.

Program

Mozart: Quartet for flute and strings in A Françaix: String Trio Kevin Puts: *Arcana* for string sextet Mendelssohn: Quintet for strings in B flat

Sunday, August 6, 5:00 pm

Freemark Abbey 3022 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena

freemarkabbey.com

Appalachian Spring, Aaron Copland's iconic work of Americana, is performed here in its original version for 13 players, along with Dvořák's familiar American quartet. ER-OS by Kalevi Aho—one of Finland's foremost contemporary composers—was a wedding present for our two performers, Erin Keefe and Osmo Vänskä.

Program

Haydn: Piano Trio in G, *Gypsy* Dvořák: String Quartet in F, *American* Kalevi Aho: *ER-OS* for violin and clarinet Copland: *Appalachian Spring*



Wednesday, August 9, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Talk 7:30 pm: Concert

Merryvale Vineyards

1000 Main Street, St. Helena

merryvale.com

The Pacifica Quartet returns!

This world-renowned group takes a break from their globetrotting to spend a week in the Napa Valley. We welcome them back for their 14th summer, in works that are their specialty, by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich.

Program

6:30 pm: The Inside Story

The String Quartets of Shostakovich: Communism and Artistic Freedom.

7:30 pm

Beethoven: Quartet in G, op. 18, no. 3 Shostakovich: Quartet no. 3 Mendelssohn: Quartet in A minor, op. 13

Friday, August 11, 7:30 pm

Robert Mondavi Winery

7801 St. Helena Highway, Oakville

robertmondavi.com

The Pacifica Quartet opens this program with one of Haydn's most popular quartets, followed by two delightful salon pieces by Moszkowski and Sarasate. Mendelssohn's piano trio was the work that inspired Schumann to declare him "the Mozart of the 19th century, the most illuminating of musicians".

Program

Haydn: String Quartet in G, op. 76, no. 1 Moszkowski: Suite for two violins and piano Sarasate: *Navarra* for two violins and piano Mendelssohn: Piano Trio no. 1 in D minor



Musicians

The Pacifica Quartet Violin: Simin Ganatra, Sibbi Bernhardsson Viola: Masumi Per Rostad Cello: Brandon Vamos

Saturday, August 12, 5:30 pm

Charles Krug Winery 2800 Main Street, St. Helena

charleskrug.com

La Belle Époque Parisian Fête – See pages 4 & 5

Sunday, August 13, 5:00 pm

Chimney Rock 5350 Silverado Trail, Napa

chimneyrock.com

Max Bruch never shed the fame of his early—and popular—violin concerto, at the expense of his other works. We open this program with his beautiful string quintet, written in his 81st year. Festival favorite Joshua Roman returns, as both cellist and composer in his performance of *Riding Light*, while the rarely performed piano quintet by a young Béla Bartók chronicles his early use of folk music as inspiration.

Program

Bruch: String Quintet Stravinsky: 3 pieces for string quartet Joshua Roman: *Riding Light* for solo cello Bartók: Piano Quintet

Musicians

Violin: Sibbi Bernhardsson, Francisco Fullana, Simin Ganatra, Mari Lee, Violaine Melançon, Daria Adams Viola: Masumi Per Rostad, Frank Shaw Cello: Joshua Roman, Brandon Vamos Piano: Eric Zivian

Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Recital 7:30 pm: Concert

The Hess Collection

4411 Redwood Road, Napa

hesscollection.com

Chiara String Quartet

Lauded for their "highly virtuosic, edge-ofthe-seat playing" (*The Boston Globe*), the Chiara takes performance risks like no other: they play virtually everything from memory! Formerly in residence at Harvard and the Metropolitan Museum in NYC, the Chiara are currently the Artists-in-Residence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Program

6:30 pm The Inside Story

Playing From Memory: The Risks and Benefits.

7:30 pm

Schubert: String Quartet in A minor, Rosamunde

Pierre Jalbert: String Quartet no. 2, *Canticle* Brahms: String Quartet no. 1 in C minor

Friday, August 18, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Solo Competition Winners Recital 7:30 pm: Concert

Silverado Vineyards

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa

silveradovineyards.com

Vivaldi's *Summer* from The Four Seasons anchors this program celebrating the old and the new in a continuous musical collage. We juxtapose the familiar with works by Kevin Puts, Aaron J. Kernis and Jefferson Friedmann, three stunning composers of our era.

Program

6:30 pm: Pre Concert recital by the Music in the Vineyards Solo Competition Winners

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

7:30 pm

Bach: Sonata in A minor for solo violin Kevin Puts: *Arches* for solo violin Buxtehude: Sonata in C for two violins and continuo Aaron J. Kernis: *Musica Celestis* for string quartet Albinoni: Sonata for Five in C Jefferson Friedmann: String Quartet no. 2 Vivaldi: *Summer* from The Four Seasons

This concert will be performed without intermission.

Musicians

Chiara String Quartet Violin: Rebecca Fischer, Hyeyung Julie Yoon Viola: Jonah Sirota Cello: Gregory Beaver

Saturday, August 19, 5:00 pm

Silverado Vineyards 6121 Silverado Trail, Napa silveradovineyards.com

Three of the greatest composers of the Romantic Era (one you have never heard of!): Brahms and Dvořák need no introduction, but the overlooked Julius Röntgen is every bit their equal. Born just 22 years apart, these three forged very different geographical and musical paths.

Program

Brahms: Sonata for cello and piano in E minor Röntgen: Piano Quintet in A minor Dvořák: String Quintet no. 2, op. 77

Musicians

Violin: Rebecca Fischer, Francisco Fullana, Axel Strauss, Hyeyung Julie Yoon, Daria Adams Viola: Nicholas Cords, Jonah Sirota Cello: Gregory Beaver, Joshua Roman Bass: William Langlie-Miletich Piano: Wei-Yi Yang

Sunday, August 20, 5:00 pm

Silverado Vineyards

6121 Silverado Trail, Napa

silveradovineyards.com

The 2016 winner of the Irving M. Klein International String Competition, 20-yearold bassist William Langlie-Miletich makes his debut as both soloist and composer of his own work for string quintet. In a first performance at MITV, we present, César Franck's masterpiece, the sonata for violin and piano.

Program

Dvořák: *Nocturne* for string quintet William Langlie-Miletich: *Scherzo* Edgar Meyer: *The Great Green Sea Snake* for double-bass and piano Mendelssohn: *Capriccio* for string quartet, op. 81 Franck: Sonata for violin and piano

Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 pm

6:30 pm: Pre-Concert Talk 7:30 pm: Concert

Domaine Carneros

1240 Duhig Road, Napa

domainecarneros.com

The Escher String Quartet

This suave and elegant ensemble has received acclaim for its profound musical insight and tonal beauty. Their style is a perfect match for Mozart and Brahms, whose 3rd string quartet gets a first-ever performance at MITV.

Program

6:30 pm: The Inside Story

Occupational Hazards of Life in a String Quartet.

7.30pm

Mozart: String Quartet in B flat, *Hunt* Thomas Adès: *Arcadiana* Brahms: String Quartet no. 3 in B flat

Friday, August 25, 7:30 pm

St. Helena Performing Arts Center

1401 Grayson Avenue, St. Helena

NEW VENUE FOR 2017

A program focused on American-based composers would not be complete without Barber's Adagio for strings and some Gershwin. Caroline Shaw, a New York-based musician who is the youngest-ever winner of the Pulitzer Prize, opens this program which concludes with the precocious "opus 1" trio by the most gifted child prodigy since Mozart: 13-year old Erich Wolfgang Korngold.

Program

Caroline Shaw: *Entr'Acte* for string quartet Barber: Adagio for strings William Bolcom: *Graceful Ghost* for violin and piano Gershwin: Preludes for cello and piano (arr. Nicholas Canellakis) Korngold: Piano Trio in D major, op. 1



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

Saturday, August 26, 5:00 pm

Clos Pegase

1060 Dunaweal Lane, Calistoga

clospegase.com

Just two years after *Gulliver's Travels* was published by Jonathan Swift, it was set to music by Telemann, which became an instant sensation (and who wouldn't want to follow Gulliver on his exciting journey?) Violist Nokuthula Ngwenyama performs her own work, *Sonoran Storm*, while the program will close with Mozart's darkly personal G minor viola quintet.

Program

Telemann: *Gulliver Suite* for two violins Nokuthula Ngwenyama: *Sonoran Storm* for solo viola

Dohnányi: Serenade for string trio Mozart: String Quintet in G minor



Sunday, August 27, 5:00 pm

Inglenook

1991 St. Helena Highway, Rutherford

Inglenook.com

In a genre at which he excelled, Mozart's sonata for piano and violin reflects his extraordinary gifts as both violinist and pianist. Some 200 years later comes Schoenberg's glorious essay in romantic expressionism, *Transfigured Night (Verklärte Nacht)*. We end our 23rd season with one of our favorites, Dvořák's earthy, lusty piano quintet.

Program

Mozart: Sonata for piano and violin, K. 380 Schoenberg: *Transfigured Night* Dvořák: Piano Quintet no. 2

Sunday, August 27, 7:30 pm \$145

Closing Night Celebration Meadowood Napa Valley

900 Meadowood Lane, St. Helena

meadowood.com

Music in the Vineyards invites you to join us for dinner to mark the end of another season. Mingle with artistic directors, Michael and Daria Adams and our musicians under the moon at this celebration on the lawn of the Vintners Glen, with a premier wine reception and buffet dinner.

Musicians

Violin: Adam Barnett-Hart, Aaron Boyd, Francesca dePasquale, Kerry McDermott, Daria Adams Viola: Pierre Lapointe, Nokuthula Ngwenyama Cello: Nicholas Canellakis, Brook Speltz Piano: Michael Brown

Free Festival Events

Free Open Rehearsals

Thursdays from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

August 3, 10 & 17 Napa Valley College, Upper Campus 1088 College Avenue, St. Helena

August 24 Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater 100 California Drive, Yountville

Pre-Concert Talks

At 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, August 9, 16 & 23, artistic director, Michael Adams presents *The Inside Story* a series of free pre-concert talks open to concert ticket holders. For details see individual concert listings.

Solo Competition Winners Recital

At 6:30 pm on Friday, August 18 the winners of our fourth annual Solo Instrumental Competition will give a short free recital. Come along and support Music in the Vineyards' Education program.

Silverado Vineyards 6121 Silverado Trail, Napa



Tickets & Information

All concerts are held indoors. Venues and starting times vary.

La Belle Époque Parisian Fête

Individual tickets \$275 Get a 10% discount when you book a table for eight — \$2,000 $\,$

Festival Packages:

Get a larger discount with a festival package:

- Fourteen evening concerts \$745
- Eight evening concerts \$425

Packages are available by telephone, mail or fax.

Be an early bird and get a 10% discount. Book by July 1 and individual concert tickets cost \$55 each. From July 2 onwards tickets are \$60 each.

Order tickets online, by phone or mail:

Online: no processing or convenience fees! Phone: 707 258 5559 Fax: 707 258 5566 Mail: return the order form to the right: Music in the Vineyards, P.O. Box 6297, Napa, CA 94581

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 go to: musicinthevineyards.org

Ticket Order Form

Festival Packages Excluding La Belle Époque Gala		
All 14 Evening Concerts	\$745	
Any 8 Evening Concerts	\$425	

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

Fri	Aug 4	Frog's Leap Winery	7:30 pm
Sat	Aug 5	Jamieson Ranch Vineyards	5:30 pm
Sun	Aug 6	Freemark Abbey	5:00 pm
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Sat	at Aug 26 Clos Pegase		5:00 pm
Sun	Aug 27	Inglenook	5:00 pm

La Belle Époque Parisian Fête not included in festival packages

Sat	Aug 12	Charles Krug Winery	Single ticket	5:30 pm	\$275	
			Table (seats 8)		\$2,000	

Closing Night Celebration not included in festival packages

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