

## *Lydian String Quartet*

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## **Lydian String Quartet Residency in Taipei City, Taiwan**

**December 2nd to 18<sup>th</sup> at the Taiwan National University of the Arts  
Public concerts on December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Lydian String Quartet, ensemble-in-residence at Brandeis University, will travel to Taiwan for more than two weeks to lead workshops and master classes around Taipei City and for students at the Taiwan National University of the Arts (TNUA). The highlights of their visit will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>, both at the TNUA Concert Hall.

The first concert features two Taiwanese composers, including “Mind Like Water” by Yu-Hui Chang, which was premiered by the Lydian String Quartet in November, 2016. From the composer, “Written for the Lydian String Quartet, ‘Water’ is often used in Eastern philosophy to describe the ideal state of a person’s mind or high moral quality... Zen Buddhism’s ‘mind like water’ teaching has a ... personal perspective – one is to empty the mind, not to become unfeeling, but to allow space for full awareness and to obtain true freedom.”

The programs also feature Lee Hyla and Steven Snowden, two prominent American composers commissioned by the ensemble. Snowden was the recipient of the quartet’s 2015 Commission Prize, one of the largest in the United States. His commission, “Bird Catching from Above,” was premiered last year. In Taiwan, the quartet will perform an earlier work by Snowden titled “Appalachian Portraits.”

The Lydian Quartet embraces the full range of the string quartet repertory with curiosity, virtuosity, and dedication to the highest artistic ideals of music making. The “Lyds,” as they are known to their fans, continue to offer compelling, thoughtful, and dramatic performances of the quartet literature. From the acknowledged masterpieces of the classical, romantic, and modern eras to the remarkable compositions written by today's cutting edge composers, the quartet approaches music-making with a sense of exploration and personal expression that is timeless.

### **Calendar information:**

Friday night Dec 9, 730pm - TNUA Concert Hall

No. 1, Xueyuan Rd, Beitou District, Taipei City, Taiwan

LEE HYL A String Quartet No. 3  
CHOU CHIU-YU 周久渝 String Quartet No. 1  
YU-HUI CHANG 張玉慧 Mind Like Water (2016), Taiwan premiere  
PHILIP GLASS String Quartet No. 5

Information:<http://tnua-music.blogspot.com/2016/10/lydiani-lydian-string-quartet-i.html>  
<http://www.lydianquartet.com/schedule-source/2016/12/9/taipei-taiwan-taipei-national-university-of-the-arts>

Saturday night Dec 17, 730pm - TNUA Concert Hall  
No. 1, Xueyuan Rd, Beitou District, Taipei City, Taiwan

MOZART String Quartet No. 19 in C Major ("Dissonant"), K. 465  
RAVEL String Quartet  
STEVEN SNOWDEN Appalachian Polaroids  
BRAHMS String Quintet in G major, Op. 111  
With guest artist Yi-Wen Chao 趙怡雯, viola

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Calendar information:

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Saturday night Dec 17, 2:30pm - TNUA Concert Hall

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