



EMORY CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF ATLANTA

Now celebrating our **25th Silver Anniversary** season of excellence, the Southeast's **largest** and **most active** chamber music organization brings together some of the city's finest **resident musicians** with **internationally known guest artists** who are dedicated to performing the most delightful, exciting, and interesting music from the chamber repertoire in some of the most acoustically and visually beautiful spaces in Atlanta. Guests have included Yo-Yo Ma, Richard Stoltzman, Alan Gilbert, Dave Brubeck, William Preucil, Eliot Fisk, and many others.

The mission of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta (ECMSA) is to create **new generations** of educated and passionate music lovers who will cherish and support this great art forever. In addition to presenting an **Emerson Evening**, a **Family**, and the **Cooke Noontime Concert Series** at Emory, the ECMSA **tours**, participates in **recording projects**, the **commissioning of new works**, and numerous **community-outreach** activities. **Education** is an integral part of the ECMSA's mission, and members teach throughout the university and greater community, coach student chamber music ensembles, and give private lessons.

Emory's **String Quartet in Residence** program, held by the international award-winning **Vega String Quartet**, lies at the heart of the ECMSA's mission to spread this great music throughout the community, reaching audiences ages two to one-hundred and two. The Vega is the **first professional string quartet** to ever make Atlanta its home base and as such, it is having a transformational effect on music education and performance throughout the area.

All ECMSA concerts this season will be **free of charge**, making this great music available to all.

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25TH SILVER ANNIVERSARY SEASON 2017-2018 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Cooke Noontime and Family Series concerts (4 p.m.) are at the Michael C. Carlos Museum and Emerson Series concerts (8 p.m.) are in Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, unless otherwise noted.

- Fri., Sept. 8** Cooke Noontime Series: Mozart @ the Museum
- Sat., Sept. 16** Emerson Series: 25th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception
- Sun., Oct. 15** Family Series: Invitation to the Dance!
- Fri., Oct. 20** Cooke Noontime Series: Edoardo Catemario, guitar
- Sat., Oct. 28** Emerson Series: Jazz Meets Classics—Songs of Love
- Fri., Nov. 10 @ 7 & 9 P.M.** Emerson Series: Bach under the Stars @ Emory Planetarium
- Fri., Nov. 17** Cooke Noontime Series: Vijay Venkatesh, piano
- Fri., Dec. 1** Cooke Noontime Series: Emory's Young Artists
- Sun., Dec. 10** Family Series: Santa's Favorite Chamber Music
- Fri., Jan 19** Cooke Noontime Series: Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio
- Sat./Sun., Jan. 20/21** The Emory Young Artist Piano Competition
- Fri., Jan. 26 @ 7 P.M.** Family Series: Pajama Concert
- Sun., Feb. 11 @ 7 P.M.** Emerson Series: Juilliard in Atlanta
- Fri., Feb. 16** Cooke Noontime Series: Chinese New Year Celebration
- Sun., Feb. 25 @ 4 P.M.** Emerson Series @ Marcus Hillel Center: Jewish Chamber Music
- Sun., March 4** Family Series: The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- Fri., March 23** Cooke Noontime Series: Robyn Bollinger, violin
- Sat., March 24** Emerson Series: The Vega String Quartet
- Sun., April 8** Family Series: Atlanta's Young Artists
- Sat., April 14** Emerson Series: The Rites of Spring
- Fri., April 20** Cooke Noontime Series: *The Kreutzer Sonata*
- Sat., April 21 @ 3 P.M.** @ High Museum: *Pictures at an Exhibition*
- Fri., May 4** Cooke Noontime Series: *Liederabend*
- Sun., May 13 @ 1:30 P.M.** @ Miller-Ward Alumni House: Cherry Emerson Memorial Alumni Concert



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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
 25 YEARS OF CHAMBER
 MUSIC AT ITS BEST

EMERSON SERIES

EMERSON CONCERT HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 8 P.M. 25th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception

A gala program showcasing the unlimited variety of Chamber Music including antiphonal brass works, lieder, works for winds, piano duo, and string chamber music. Featuring violinist William Preucil, concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra; the Vega Quartet, tenor Bradley Howard, pianists William Ransom and Elena Cholakova, and more—with a reception at intermission to celebrate 25 years of Chamber Music at its best!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ 8 P.M., Jazz Meets Classics—Songs of Love

Enjoy the intersection of these two genres with songs of love by Schumann, Rachmaninoff, and Puccini performed by tenor Bradley Howard and pianist William Ransom interspersed with favorite jazz love songs sung by jazz vocalist Bernardine Mitchell with Gary Motley at the keyboard.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 7 & 9 P.M. @ EMORY PLANETARIUM Bach under the Stars

The timeless music for solo strings of J. S. Bach played under the magical mystery of the Emory Planetarium's star show. Performed by members of the Vega String Quartet with commentary by astrophysicist and Planetarium Director Erin Bonning. **Limited seating.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 The Emory Young Artist Piano Competition and Masterclasses

Some of the most talented pre-college pianists from the Southeast perform. Semifinals are open to the public on Saturday from 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; final concert begins @ 7 p.m. followed by announcement of the winner. On Sunday, enjoy public masterclasses given by Emory's piano faculty.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 @ 7 P.M., Juilliard in Atlanta

Twenty-four graduates of The Juilliard School who are based in Atlanta come together for the first time to celebrate their shared alma mater in a public concert. Featuring violinists David Coucheron (ASO), Elizabeth Fayette (Vega) and Helen Kim (KSU); cellist Christopher Rex (ASO); pianists Keiko and William Ransom (Emory); dancer Lee Harper; clarinetist Laura Ardan (ASO); and many more.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 @ 4 P.M. @ MARCUS HILLEL CENTER AT EMORY Jewish Chamber Music

Chamber Music of Mendelssohn, Golijov, and Schulhoff with the Vega String Quartet in a very special setting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 @ 8 P.M., The Vega String Quartet

Emory's international award-winning string quartet in residence performs quartets of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and the world premiere of Richard Prior's Quartet No. 3.

EMERSON SERIES

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14 @ 8 P.M., The Rites of Spring

Vivaldi's "Spring" from the *Four Seasons* (Vega String Quartet); Beethoven's "Spring" Sonata (Elizabeth Fayette and William Ransom); and Stravinsky's great ballet performed by pianists Robert Spano and Elena Cholakova with original choreography performed by Staibdance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 @ 3 P.M. @ THE HIGH MUSEUM (free with museum admission)



Pictures at an Exhibition

A collaboration between the High Museum, the ECMSA, and the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, this special concert will feature the Vega String Quartet performing a string quintet transcription of Mussorgsky's great masterpiece and more. Followed by a reception with cash bar.

SUNDAY, MAY 13 @ 1:30 PM @ MILLER-WARD ALUMNI HOUSE Cherry Emerson Memorial Alumni Concert

Some of Emory's finest musical alumni return to campus to perform with one of our most accomplished graduating seniors during Commencement weekend.



FAMILY SERIES

@ THE CARLOS MUSEUM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 @ 4 P.M. Invitation to the Dance!

Waltzes, mazurkas, menuets, tangos, and more will have you dancing in your seats. With the Vega String Quartet and pianist William Ransom.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 4 P.M. Santa's Favorite Chamber Music

We welcome back Old Saint Nick himself to introduce some of his favorite classical works and give treats to good listeners.

FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 26 @ 7 P.M. Pajama Concert!

Enjoy musical bedtime stories performed by pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom with some hot chocolate and marshmallows—and if you like, wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 @ 4 P.M. The Road to Hamelin

This wonderful retelling of the Pied Piper story features Lois Reitzes, legendary voice of classical radio in Atlanta, narrating with music for viola and piano by Paul Ramsier.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 @ 4 P.M. Atlanta's Young Artists

Some of the area's finest pre-college musicians perform on this exciting annual showcase of what talent and hard work can produce.

JOHN AND LINDA COOKE NOONTIME SERIES

@ THE CARLOS MUSEUM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Mozart @ the Museum

Pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom and members of the Vega String Quartet kick off the season with piano four hands and the G Minor Piano Quartet.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 Edoardo Catemario, guitar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 Vijay Venkatesh, piano

Winner of the Parnassus Society Prize.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 Emory's Young Artists

Some of the most outstanding undergraduate talents from Emory's Department of Music perform.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 Tchaikovsky Piano Trio

The Summit Trio—pianist Robert Henry, violinist Helen Kim, and cellist Charae Krueger perform this powerful and beautiful work.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Chinese New Year Celebration

An afternoon of celebration with the Vega String Quartet.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 Robyn Bollinger, violin

Winner of the 2016 Annenberg Foundation Award.



FRIDAY, APRIL 20 The Kreutzer Sonata

Violinist David Coucheron and pianist William Ransom perform Beethoven's magnificent Concerto-Sonata.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 Liederabend

Members of the Emory Voice and Piano faculty perform treasures from the Song repertoire.

All ECMSA concerts are free of charge, but please consider a donation to the ECMSA for our 25th anniversary season to help keep this possible.

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