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MacEwan's Quartet-in-Residence to hold concert series at Muttart Hall

CBC host and narrator Tom Allen and guest harpist Lori Gemmell featured in opening concert

Edmonton – As the 2022/23 Quartet-in-Residence at the MacEwan University Conservatory of Music, the Garneau String Quartet is announcing a series of exciting concerts to celebrate the upcoming year.

The quartet members - all prominent local artists - are violinists Robert Uchida and Laura Veeze, violist Keith Hamm and cellist Julie Hereish. They are principal players of the Edmonton Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra of Edmonton, with distinguished careers as solo, chamber and orchestral musicians at home and abroad.

The first concert of the season will welcome CBC host and narrator Tom Allen and guest harpist Lori Gemmell in "A Poe Cabaret." This program explores the shadows of Edgar Allan Poe's greatest stories and deepest heartbreak through the music of Claude Debussy, Debussy's protegé André Caplet and Canadian composer Alexina Louie.

Other guest artists in the series include Philip Chiu (piano) on January 24, 2023, the Rosebud String Quartet, Roman Rabinovich (piano) on April 11, 2023, and Diana Cohen (violin) on June 5, 2023. The selections presented at the concerts will include both classics and lesser-known gems from the chamber music repertoire by Debussy, Brahms, Haydn, Beethoven, Alexina Louie, Leoš Janáček, Béla Bartók, Barbara Assiginaak and Fanny Mendelssohn. Each concert will be held at Muttart Hall on MacEwan University's Alberta College Campus.

The Garneau String Quartet launched the Chamber Music Academy at MacEwan University. This program offers an environment for young musicians to hone new musical skills and make music with their peers, as well as the opportunity of working with all the guest musicians featured in the concert series.

The first concert, "A Poe Cabaret," will be held:

Monday, November 7, 2022 7:30 p.m. Muttart Hall, Alberta College Campus, MacEwan University 10050 MacDonald Drive, Edmonton

Tickets are available at Tix on the Square.

Information on the Conservatory of Music can be found by visiting <u>MacEwan.ca/conservatory</u> or by calling 780-633-3725.



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