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Calder Quartet plays across genres

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The Calder Quartet, a classical ensemble with a flair for modern compositions, will be heard May 8 at the Peace Center during Artisphere, Greenville's weekend-long arts festival.

The four string players – violinists Benjamin Jacobsen and Andrew Bulbrook, cellist Eric Byers and violist Jonathan Moerschel – are the quartet-in-residence at Los Angeles' Colburn Conservatory and also frequent guest performers at renowned venues and music festivals across the nation.

The Calder's Peace Concert Hall program will feature Franz Schubert's (1797-1828) G Major String Quartet No. 15, an energetic four-movement work written in 1826. (Its cultural touchstones include being one of the dramatic elements in filmmaker Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors.")

With its contrasting moods, Igor Stavinsky's (1882-1971) Three Pieces for String Quartet consists of "Danse" "Excentrique" and "Cantique." The set pieces written in 1914 shift from Russian folk melodies to eccentric moods that wind down with a somber, liturgical statement.



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Leos Janacek's (1854–1928) "Intimate Letters" String Quartet No. 2, written in 1928, is a passionate statement of love in which the viola assumes a prominent voice.

In 2008, the Calder Quartet released its first album, featuring the music of contemporary British composer Thomas Ades, (b. 1971), whose works are a staple in the quartet's repertoire. The album also features music by Mozart and Ravel.

The group was awarded the 2009 ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award in recognition of Calder's commitment to performing works by contemporary composers as well as partnering with emerging musicians and performers across genres.

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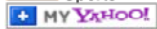
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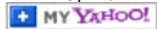
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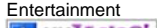
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