Daana Quartet

With

Erin Kelly, violin
Corentin Pokorny, violin
Alessandra Barrett, viola
Sonja Myklebust, cello

Wednesday, December 2, 2015
7:30 pm – Brechemin Auditorium
PROGRAM

CD #17,311

1 Quartett-Satz........................................... Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
2  remarks, Sonja
3 Danzas de Panama ....................................... William Grant Still (1895-1978)

Divertimento in D Major, K. 136 .......................... Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
4 Allegro
5 Andante
6 Presto

INTERMISSION

7 Scherzo .................................................. Charles Ives (1874-1954)

String Quartet in c minor, Op. 18, No. 4.......................... Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
8 Allegro, ma non tanto
9 Scherzo: Andante scherzoso quasi Allegretto
10 Menuetto: Allegretto
11 Allegro
The **Daana String Quartet** is a student ensemble at the University of Washington. As winners of the 2015 UW Piano and Strings Chamber Music Competition, the quartet is the official UW School of Music scholarship chamber ensemble for the 2015-16 academic year, working closely with Professor Melia Watras. The quartet was featured in the summer of 2015 as the Fellowship Quartet at the Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival near Winthrop, Washington. Passionate about bringing music out of the concert hall, the ensemble also has performed concerts in Seattle parks as part of the Seattle Chamber Music Festival’s Music Under The Stars program and the KING-FM Lunchtime Chamber Concert Series and at various venues in the Methow Valley. The Seattle Times has written about the quartet and its members. Mentored by world-renowned faculty at the university and by touring artists who perform in the UW World Series, the quartet holds a unique position at UW, performing in local schools and throughout the community, under the auspices of the UW Music Link Program. “Daana” is a word in Sanskrit that connotes the practice of cultivating generosity. It captures the quartet’s goal of bringing free, high-quality chamber music concerts to unexpected locations and educational settings as well as the traditional concert hall. As winners of the MTNA Washington State Division, Daana Quartet will advance to the NW regional competition in January 2016.

Violinist **Erin Kelly** is a native Seattleite and student at the University of Washington pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in violin performance. After graduating from Garfield High School, she attended the Cleveland Institute of Music for one year before transferring to the University of Washington to study with professor Ronald Patterson. Erin has performed in many summer festivals such as The Boston University Tanglewood Institute and Blossom.

Violinist **Corentin Pokorny** is a violin performance major at the University of Washington. Corentin is working on his Bachelor of Music degree under the tutelage of Ron Patterson, violin professor at the University of Washington. In 2013, Corentin won the University of Washington’s concerto competition, and was concertmaster of the University Symphony Orchestra for the 2014-15 year. An avid chamber player, Corentin has been a member of many different string ensembles. Currently, he is also a member of the Rocoempo Trio, formed by himself and his two brothers. He was born and raised in France, where he studied violin, piano, and voice.

Violist **Alessandra Barrett** is pursuing a Masters of Music degree in string performance at UW, studying with Melia Watras. Alessandra holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree specializing in violin and viola performance from the California Institute of the Arts, where she played in numerous collegiate ensembles both on the campus and around the Los Angeles area. Alessandra has studied and performed at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute in Massachusetts, the International Music Academy Pilsen in the Czech Republic, the Kinhaven Music School in Vermont, the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California, Composers Forum at the University of Oregon, UCLA and the California State Summer School for the Arts. She started instrumental study at age 4. At age 13 she soloed with the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. She formerly was a member of the Isaura String Quartet in Los Angeles.

Cellist **Sonja Myklebust** is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Washington where she studies with Sæunn Thorsteinsdóttir and served as Teaching Assistant for Toby Saks and Eric Gaenslen from 2013-2015.
a soloist. Sonja has performed with the University Symphony, Solaris Vocal Ensemble, and the Portland Cello Project. Passionate about music education, Sonja’s dissertation work focuses on bringing UW music students off campus and into the community through a program called MUSI-Link, which she is piloting this year in collaboration with the UW School of Music and the UW World Series. Sonja holds a bachelor's degree in music from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and a master's degree in cello performance from the University of Washington.

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