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Clockwise from top left: Zuill Bailey (Lisa Marie Mazzucco), the Juilliard String Quartet (Lisa Marie Mazzucco), Joe Gransden, Cho-Ling Lin, David Coucheron (Jeff Roffman), Mark and Maggie O'Connor (Jason Goodman), Julie Coucheron with Santa, Lois Reitzes (Billy Howard/WABE), and Gary Motley (Veronica Motley).



EMORY CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF ATLANTA

2021-2022 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Cooke Noontime* @ noon and Family Series @ 4:00 PM concerts are at the Michael C. Carlos Museum; Emerson Series concerts @ 8:00 PM are in Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts; Bach's Lunch Series concerts @ noon are at First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Peachtree St. NE, and Masterclass Series @ 10:00 AM are in Tharp Rehearsal Hall, Schwartz Center, unless otherwise noted. Tickets for all concerts are free of charge.

* Beginning this season, Cooke Noontime Series concerts will require free online registration to attend since seating is limited. Visit carlos.emory.edu/calendar to register.

**Fall 2021 Emerson Series concerts require free tickets. Register online at tickets.arts.emory.edu or call 404.727.5050.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FALL 2021

- Fri., Sept. 10 Bach's Lunch Series: String Magic
- Fri., Sept. 17 Cooke Noontime Series: Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition for String Quintet*
- Tues., Sept. 21, 6:30 PM Masterclass Series: David Coucheron
- Fri., Sept. 24, 4 PM Masterclass Series: Mark O'Connor
- Sat., Sept. 25 Emerson Series: Beethoven & Bluegrass**
- Fri., Oct. 15 Cooke Noontime Series: Piano for Four Hands*
- Sun., Oct. 24 Family Series: Just Jazzin' Around
- Sat., Oct. 30 Masterclass Series: Joe Gransden, piano
- Sat., Oct. 30 Emerson Series: Beethoven and a Big Band**
- Fri., Nov. 19 Cooke Noontime Series: Mozart @ the Museum: Oboe, Flute, and Piano Quartets*
- Sat., Nov. 20 Masterclass Series: John Dee, oboe
- Fri., Dec. 3 Cooke Noontime Series: Rachele McCabe, piano*
- Sat., Dec. 4 Masterclass Series: Rachele McCabe, piano
- Fri., Dec. 10 Bach's Lunch Series: Eternal Love Triangle
- Sun., Dec. 12 Family Series: Santa's Favorite Chamber Music

SPRING 2022

- Sun., Jan. 16 @ Fernbank Museum Family Series: Dinosaurs and Other Musical Creatures
- Fri., Jan 21 Cooke Noontime Series: Itamar Zorman, violin*
- Fri., Jan. 28, 7 PM Family Series: Pajama Concert, Ferdinand the Bull
- Sat., Jan. 29 Masterclass Series: Cho-Liang Lin, violin
- Sat., Jan. 29 Emerson Series: String Theory with Cho-Liang Lin and Friends
- Fri., Feb. 11 Cooke Noontime Series: Alec Chien, piano*
- Sat., Feb. 12 Masterclass Series: Alec Chien, piano
- Sun., Feb. 13, 4 PM Emerson Series: The Bach Bowl
- Fri., Feb. 18 Bach's Lunch Series: Zuill Bailey, cello
- Sat., Feb. 19 Masterclass Series: Zuill Bailey, cello
- Sat., Feb. 19 Emerson Series: The Three Artistic Directors
- Sun., Feb. 20 Family Series: Strings and Stories
- Fri., March 18 Cooke Noontime Series: Emory's Young Artists*
- Sun., March 27 Family Series: Peter and the Wolf
- Fri., April 1 Cooke Noontime Series: Foolish Music*
- Sun., April 10 Family Series: Atlanta's Young Artists
- Sat., April 23, 8 PM @ Cannon Chapel Fentress Waits Concert: Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ
- Fri., May 6 Cooke Noontime Series: Vega String Quartet*
- Sun., May 8, 1:30 PM @ Miller-Ward Alumni House Emerson Series: Cherry Emerson Annual Alumni Concert
- Thurs., May 12, 4 PM Masterclass Series: Juilliard String Quartet
- Fri., May 13 Bach's Lunch Series: Juilliard String Quartet
- Sat., May 14 Emerson Series: Juilliard String Quartet

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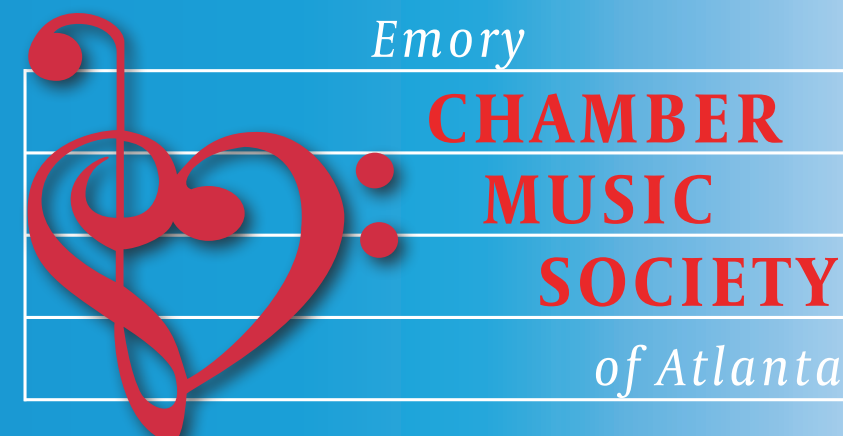
Now celebrating our **29th season** of excellence, the Southeast's **largest** and **most active** chamber music organization brings together some of the city's finest **resident musicians** with **internationally known performers** who are dedicated to performing the most delightful, exciting, and interesting 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, Robert Spano, and many others.

The mission of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta (ECMSA) is to create **new generations** of passionate and educated music lovers who will cherish and support this great art forever. In addition to presenting four series—the **Emerson Evening**, the **Family**, the **Cooke Noontime**, and the **Bach's Lunch**—the ECMSA **tours**, participates in **recording projects**, the **commissioning of new works**, and numerous **community outreach** activities. New this season is the **Fentress Waits Cannon Chapel Concert**. **Education** is the integral part of the ECMSA's mission, and members teach in a wide variety of ways throughout the University and greater community, coach student chamber music ensembles, and give private lessons. We also offer the **Masterclass Series**, giving the public an opportunity to observe master musicians working with some of Emory's finest undergraduate talents.

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 of all ages. The Vega is the **first professional string quartet** to ever make Atlanta its home base and as such, is having a transformational effect on music education and performance throughout the area. The Vega gives 16 interdisciplinary classes each year across the curriculum in all the Schools of the University, and our newest initiative, **Music for Healing**, takes the Vega to health care centers around the Atlanta area bringing live music to those who need it most.

ECMSA concerts this season will again be **free of charge**, making this great music available to as large and diverse an audience as possible.

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2021-2022 SEASON

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EMERSON SERIES

EMERSON CONCERT HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

FAMILY SERIES

@ THE CARLOS MUSEUM

JOHN AND LINDA COOKE NOONTIME SERIES

@ THE CARLOS MUSEUM

MASTERCLASS SERIES

@ THARP REHEARSAL HALL

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 8:00 PM Beethoven & Bluegrass

(Free tickets required.) The Vega String Quartet performs Beethoven, an original Mark O'Connor String Quartet, and superstars Mark and Maggie O'Connor bring the best of bluegrass to Emory.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 8:00 PM Beethoven and a Big Band

(Free tickets required.) ECMSA celebrates Beethoven's Birthday a year late in concert with Joe Gransden's 17-piece Big Band. The program includes Beethoven's finest Trio—the "Archduke"—and classic and original hits by Atlanta's most rocking Big Band. With violinist Helen Kim and cellist Charae Kreuger. *This concert is a fundraiser for the Friends of Music. Join the Friends and support all of Music at Emory.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 8:00 PM String Theory with Cho-Liang Lin and Friends

Musical America's "Instrumentalist of the Year" makes his Emory debut, joining the Vega String Quartet, violinist Helen Kim, cellist Jesus Castro-Balbi (also making his Emory debut) and others for Mendelssohn's rousing Octet and more.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ 4:00 PM The Bach Bowl

This annual one-hour concert before the Super Bowl will get you in the mood for the big game with two of Bach's Brandenburg Concerti, Nos. 2 and 4. You'll know the score in advance!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 @ 8:00 PM The Three Artistic Directors

Zuill Bailey, cello; Linda Rosenthal, violin; and William Ransom, piano, join forces to perform Bach, Beethoven, and Shostakovich. These three direct festivals and musical organizations from Atlanta to Alaska, and from Texas to New York.



SUNDAY, MAY 8 @ 1:30 PM @ MILLER-WARD ALUMNI HOUSE Cherry Emerson Annual 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 14 @ 8:00 PM Juilliard String Quartet

The famed Juilliard String Quartet, performing with members of the Vega String Quartet, closes the ECMSA's 29th season with one of Brahms's most glorious works, the Sextet in G Major.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 4:00 PM Just Jazzin' Around

A fun introduction to jazz—including opportunities to try instruments and even jam along with the Gary Motley Trio. Great for the young and the young at heart!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 4:00 PM Santa's Favorite Chamber Music

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 4:00 PM @ Fernbank Museum Dinosaurs and other Musical Creatures

(Free with Museum entrance.) Join the Fernbank dinosaurs for Mark Schultz's *T Rex, Sauropods, and Raptors*. Brice Andrus and Sue Welty, French horns; Julie Coucheron and William Ransom piano; Lois Reitzes, narrator.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 @ 7:00 PM Pajama Concert: Ferdinand the Bull

Enjoy musical nighttime stories performed by Cho-Liang Lin and Yinzi Kong, narrated by Lois Reitzes, with hot chocolate and marshmallows—if you like, wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 @ 4:00 PM Strings and Stories

Violinist Linda Rosenthal and actor William Blush perform this two-person show that combines music and theater in a delightful kaleidoscope of favorite children's stories, classical music, whimsical mime, and improvisation. It is fast-paced, interactive, and educational.



SUNDAY, MARCH 27 @ 4:00 PM Peter and the Wolf

Emory's new President Greg Fenves joins the fun and narrates the classic children's tale with timeless music by Serge Prokofiev. Performed by Julie Coucheron and William Ransom, piano.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 @ 4:00 PM 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.

BACH'S LUNCH SERIES

NOON @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 String Magic

Ernő Dohnanyi's beautiful Serenade for String Trio and the Arensky Quartet with two cellos is performed by the Vega String Quartet with cellist Khari Joyner.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 Eternal Love Triangle

Featuring the music of Clara and Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms performed by Bradley Howard, tenor; Jessica Wu, violin; Yinzi Kong, viola; and William Ransom, piano. Works to bring the most passionate love story in classical music to life include Clara's Romances for violin; Robert's Dichterliebe for tenor; and Johannes's mighty Sonata in F Minor for viola.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 Zuill Bailey, cello

The Grammy Award-winning cellist is one of the most dynamic performers active today, and has recently recorded the complete Bach Suites for the second time.

FRIDAY, MAY 13 The Juilliard String Quartet

The Juilliard String Quartet is joined by ECMSA Artistic Director and pianist William Ransom for one of the Crown Jewels of the chamber repertoire: Dvořák's Piano Quintet.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition for String Quartet

Modest Mussorgsky's great masterpiece is performed by the Vega String Quartet with bassist Jonathan Colbert in a unique transcription. Enjoy the music and the Carlos Museum's extraordinary exhibitions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 Piano for Four Hands

Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*, Barber's *Souvenirs*, and Lalo's *Norwegian Rhapsody* are performed by Norwegian pianist Julie Coucheron with ECMSA Artistic Director William Ransom.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 Mozart @ the Museum: Oboe, Flute, and Piano Quartets

The infinite variety of Mozart is showcased, mixing winds, strings, and piano. What would life be without Mozart? Performing are James Zellers, flute, and John Dee, oboe.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 Rachel McCabe, piano

The internationally acclaimed pianist is artistic director of Corvallis-OSU Piano International and its prestigious Steinway Series. She performs music of Bach, Chopin, Sibelius, and Debussy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 Itamar Zorman, violin

The brilliant young virtuoso makes his Emory debut in a program titled *Music of the Spheres*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Alec Chien, piano

Pianist Alec Chien returns to Emory after a stunning performance on the Beethoven Piano Sonata Series in 2020.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 Emory's Young Artists

Outstanding undergraduate students from Emory's Department of Music perform in this annual showcase.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 Foolish Music

Note the date and come prepared for some unexpected musical fun! Music of Beethoven, W. F. Bach, and Mozart's "Musical Joke."

FRIDAY, MAY 6 Vega String Quartet

Emory's international award-winning Quartet in Residence performs music of Mendelssohn and Ravel.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 6:30 PM David Coucheron, violin

Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and a dynamic soloist and chamber musician, David Coucheron presents "Knowing the Score: Orchestral Performance Class."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 @ 4:00 PM Mark O'Connor

Mark O'Connor coaches the Vega String Quartet on one of his original quartets and speaks about his work.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 10:00 AM Joe Gransden, piano

Joe Gransden talks about his work as a big band leader.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 @ 10:00 AM John Dee, oboe

Emory's undergraduate oboists have a chance to work one of the country's most distinguished wind players.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 10:00 AM Rachelle McCabe, piano

Observe a master pianist, in residence at Oregon State University, working with some of Emory's best undergraduate talents.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 10:00 AM Cho-Liang Lin, violin

Cho-Liang Lin, the youngest violinist to be invited to join the faculty at Juilliard, works with some of Emory's finest violinists.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 10:00 AM Alec Chien, piano

Master pianist Alec Chien brings his unique teaching style to work with some of Emory's most talented undergraduates.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 @ 10:00 AM Zuill Bailey, cello

Grammy Award-winning cellist Zuill Bailey performs and teaches around the world and shares his expertise with Emory's cello class.

THURSDAY, MAY 12 @ 4:00 PM Juilliard String Quartet

One of the world's great quartets gives some of Emory's student chamber music ensembles a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



FENTRESS WAITS CONCERT

@ C A N O N C H A P E L

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 @ 8:00 PM Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ with the Vega String Quartet and Seven Speakers of Diverse Faiths

The inaugural concert in a new series endowed by Dr. James Waits, former Dean of the Candler School of Theology, features a unique work of Haydn performed in a magical setting. Between each movement of the Haydn, Jan Love, David Blumenthal, Gregory McGonigle, Dwight Andrews, Don Saliers, Shweta Chaitanya, and Priya Sraman will give a short reflection on each of the seven statements.



CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF CHAMBER MUSIC AT ITS BEST