

Tokyo String Quartet to open chamber music concert series

EUGENE — The Tokyo String Quartet, an internationally renowned ensemble, will open the 22nd season of the University School of Music's Chamber Music Series at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, in Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave.

The 1989-90 season includes six concerts, featuring three string quartets, a piano quartet, a piano trio and a wind and string octet. All concerts are held at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall.

Reserved-seat tickets range from \$5.50 to \$13.50, with student discount tickets at \$3 and \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Hult Center Box Office, or at Beall Concert Hall on concert night.

The Tokyo String Quartet's program will include "Quartet in C Major" by Schubert; "Quartet No. 1" by Janacek; and "Quartet in F Major" by Ravel.

Acclaimed from the ensemble's beginnings in 1969, the Tokyo String Quartet now celebrates its 20th anniversary season hailed as one of the world's great quartets.

During the past two decades, this remarkable ensemble of Eastern and Western musicians has performed more than 2,000 concerts on five continents. Praised for their superb technical command and the commitment and intensity they bring to performances of a richly varied repertoire, the Tokyo Quartet's continuing musical achievements have captivated an entire generation.

While their travels have taken them repeatedly to the world's most prestigious concert halls, the Tokyo String Quartet has established a special relationship with music lovers in Eugene. This will, in fact, be their eighth appearance on the University Chamber Music Series, the first coming in 1974-75 when the quartet was an up-and-coming group in their fifth season.

In addition to their appearance in Eugene, the Tokyo String Quartet will celebrate its 20th season with performances in all of New York City's major halls, including the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall; three European tours; and a 45-city tour of North America.

For the RCA Victor Red Seal Label, the ensemble will make additional recordings and releases in their cycle of the Schubert quartets, recordings and releases of Beethoven's middle and late quartets, and collaborations with flutist James Galway and guitarist Kazuhito Yamashita.



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The Tokyo String Quartet continues as Artists-in-Residence at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., and at the University of Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music. The quartet has been featured on major television programs, including the Public Broadcasting Service's "Great Performances" and the CBS program "Sunday Morning."

Other concerts in the 1989-90 University Chamber Music Series include:

Nov. 2 — The Quartetto Beethoven di Roma, Italy's premiere piano quartet, will perform Mozart, Faure and Schumann.

Jan. 11 — The Lafayette quartet, quickly becoming one of America's leading ensembles, will perform quartets by Haydn and Seeger. Pianist Victor Steinhardt, a University music professor, will perform Brahms' Quintet for Piano and Strings with the group.

Feb. 8 — The Berlin Octet, East Germany's most outstanding chamber ensemble, will perform octets for wind and strings by Schubert and Francaix.

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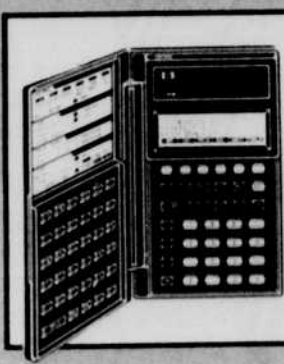
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