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Emerson String Quartet
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020
8:00 p.m.

We welcome the return of this world-renowned ensemble. *The Seattle Times* has placed it “high in the pantheon of chamber music,” while *The Times* (London) has enthused, “with musicians like these there must be some hope for humanity.”

**Academy of St. Martin
in the Fields Chamber
Ensemble**
Sunday, October 4, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Making its first appearance with us is this excellent group, created in 1967 to perform the larger chamber works with players who customarily work together, instead of the usual string quartet with additional guests. Their program for us will include works by Purcell, Glazunov, Ferguson, and Beethoven.

**Hangzhi Wang,
accordion, and
Omer String Quartet**
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020
4:00 pm

The extraordinary Ms. Wang was named 2018 Artist of the Month by Musical America, was a first prize winner in 2017’s Young Concert Artists International Auditions, and won first prize in the 40th Castelfidardo International Accordion Competition in Italy. The Omer Quartet, also a first prize winner in 2017’s YCA International Auditions, came into prominence when it received the Grand Prize and gold medal at the Fischhoff National Competition.

Jonathan Swensen, cello
Saturday, March 20, 2021
8:00 p.m.

The 11th recipient of our Performance Award that is presented to a winner of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, this young Danish-American will perform with a piano collaborator yet to be announced. A graduate of the Royal Danish Academy of Music, he made his concerto debut in 2017, performing the Elgar Cello Concerto with Portugal’s Sinfónica do Porto Casa da Musica.

Jeremy Denk, piano
Saturday, April 10, 2021
8:00 p.m.

One of America’s foremost pianists, Denk is the winner of a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship and the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize. He returns often to Carnegie Hall and in recent seasons has performed with the Chicago Symphony, New York Philharmonic Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, and the Cleveland Orchestra. He frequently tours and records with long-standing collaborators pianist Joshua Bell and cellist Steven Isserlis.

Dover Quartet
Saturday, May 8, 2021
8:00 p.m.

This phenomenal group returns by popular demand for its third appearance with us. The Strad has raved about “their exceptional interpretive maturity, tonal refinement, and taut ensemble.” Our own audience members have agreed. Their program will include works by Schubert, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák.

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Dear Music Lover,

Our annual six-concert series brings right here, close to home, the world's finest chamber music performed by supremely gifted artists. In addition, our Partnerships in Education program schedules young professional ensembles to play for and work with students in selected Westchester public school districts, enhancing their musical experiences and helping create the audiences of tomorrow.

These initiatives profoundly enrich the lives of all who listen and take part. They really are a wonder of Westchester. But they don't spring full blown from a conch shell. They require increased funding and additional leadership to sustain them.

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Third, we could use your expertise to help run this all-volunteer organization. Specifically, we can use your business development, fund-raising, and/or writing/editing/publications production skills as we continue operating what one of our artists recently called this "legendary series." We would welcome you either as a member of our all-volunteer Board of Directors, or as an off-Board, equally-valued volunteer committee member. Please consider your talents and time commitments and then call president Susan Harris at 914-941-3755 or e-mail her at susanrharris1@iCloud.com.

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