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Dear Friends,

We hope all of you are keeping well in these uncertain times. With the coronavirus still affecting most areas, the Mt. Desert Festival of Chamber Music has been forced to cancel its regular concert series at the Neighborhood House in Northeast Harbor, but takes pleasure in announcing that its 57th season of summer concerts will be accessible online at our YouTube Channel "Mt. Desert Festival of Chamber Music." Five pre-recorded concerts can be heard on Tuesdays between July 21st and August 18th, with each concert available for viewing on YouTube beginning on its scheduled date for one week.

Four string quartets will be performing this summer, including the Miami, Miró, Parker, and Borromeo String Quartets, as well as returning guest artists violinist Stephanie Chase, violist Dov Scheindlin, and cellist Mark Shuman. Since 2020 is the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, we will be celebrating the master's works on four of the five concerts.

The acclaimed Miami String Quartet, a frequent guest at the Festival since 1998, will open the series on July 21st in a program to include a late Haydn quartet, a string quartet by the contemporary Latvian composer Peteris Vasks, and Smetana's well-known quartet "From My Life." On July 28th, the Miró Quartet, in residence at the University of Texas at Austin, will perform an all-Beethoven concert including his last quartet, Op. 135, and the weighty Op. 130 quartet in its original version with the still very modern sounding *Grosse Fuge* as its final movement.

On August 4th, Ms. Chase and Messrs. Scheindlin, Shuman, and Crow will perform a program of Beethoven, Bach, Schumann, Kodály, and Fauré's passionate G minor Piano Quartet. For August 11th, we'll hear the Parker Quartet, in residence at Harvard, in a varied program featuring Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy, and Martinů. The season ends on August 18th with the Borromeo String Quartet, revered friends of the festival since 2002, who will join Todd Crow in performances of Schubert, Bach, and Beethoven taken from past concerts we have given at the Neighborhood House.

For further program details, please consult the festival website at www.mtdesertfestival.org.

We hope we can continue to count on your support, especially now when circumstances beyond our control are having a severe impact on arts organizations such as ours. All donations are tax-deductible in accordance with the laws that govern not-for-profit organizations.

Sincerely yours,



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