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Series, Freya String Quartet, Henning Vauth, piano,
November 15, 2012

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School of Music and Theatre

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MUsic Alive Faculty & Guest Artist
Collaboration Series

Freya String Quartet

Henning Vauth, piano

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Jomie Forum

8:00 p.m.

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Program

Langsamer Satz (1905)

Anton von Webern
(1883–1945)

String Quartet in F major, Op. 18 No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770–1828)

- Allegro con brio
- Adagio affettuoso ed appassionato
- Scherzo: Allegro molto
- Allegro

Piano Quintet in A major, Op. 81

Antonin Dvorak
1841–1904)

- Allegro, ma non tanto
- Dumka: Andante con moto
- Scherzo (Furiant): Molto vivace
- Finale: Allegro

Biography

Founded in 2009, the Freya String Quartet (Jason Neukom, Ashley Buckley, Jason Hohn, Katya Janpoladyan) is dedicated to performing a wide range of music, advocating artistic evolution, and teaching the importance of classical music in the Pittsburgh area. It has been the personal goal of the ensemble to go beyond the traditions of the classical music world by breaking boundaries and reaching new audiences through innovative performances and methods. Freya joined Symbiotic Collusion in 2011 in an effort to maximize the possibilities of these goals.

The members have been featured in performances throughout the US, Asia, South America and Europe and have studied with members of the Cleveland Quartet, Ying Quartet, Alexander String Quartet, Cavani String Quartet, Daedalus Quartet, Fry Street Quartet, Los Angeles Piano Quartet, among others. Freya gives many performances in a variety of venues, using a vast array of repertoire that spans from Shostakovich to Glass and Beethoven to Radiohead. The quartet is also very supportive of new music, having commissioned new works for performance, and always looking for interesting collaborations and projects.

The members of Freya are very passionate about music education, both in regard to the general public and in the school system. Freya has spent the last two years donating time to public schools in the Pittsburgh area by giving short concerts, teaching lesson plans, helping students learn valuable chamber music skills, and assisting music teachers in recruiting students for their programs.

Recent performances of Freya include collaborating with Opera Theater of Pittsburgh and The Attack Theatre, staging a well-received production of Ricky Ian Gordon's *Euridice and Orpheus* outdoors in the heart of Pittsburgh's historic Allegheny Cemetery, a set of shows that was included on the Top Ten List for best Pittsburgh classical performance in 2011 in both the Post Gazette and Tribune Review. Freya was also recently featured on WQED's Bach, Beethoven, and Brunch series, receiving acclaim for both their musicianship and adaptability in different musical styles. The ensemble also has substantial studio experience, most recently recording an entire album of string quartet tracks for The Isaac Merz Band.

Freya is currently working on some studio projects, which will result in the release of several albums. These projects include an album of 10 brand new “encore” works by composers Richard Neukom and Sean Neukom set in various styles, and an album that will present a brand new song set featuring the Pittsburgh-based band Eldertone and Freya playing together. Please visit www.symbioticcollusion.com for more information, and be sure to 'like' us on Facebook to stay updated with Freya's many projects and musical endeavors.

Upcoming MUsic Alive Guest Artist Concerts:

January 25, 2013 ~ 12:00pm

“The Trout”

Millefiori Piano Trio

with the members of the WV Symphony

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