

Chamber On The Mountain

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*Presented by the Happy Valley Cultural Center
under the Artistic Direction of renowned harpist Heidi Lehwalder.*

Chamber On The Mountain honors the traditional
while celebrating the innovative and the intermingling
of nascent talent with venerated masters.

Upcoming

in our Chamber On The Mountain Music Series

Trio Valtorna

Sunday, January 28, 2018 / 3:00 pm

Anthony Trionfo, Flutist

Sunday, March 4, 2018 / 3:00 pm

Zorá String Quartet

Sunday, May 6, 2018 / 3:00 pm

Ji, Pianist

Sunday, September 23, 2018 / 3:00 pm

Amerigo Trio & Bernadene Blaha, Pianist

Sunday, December 2, 2018 / 3:00 pm

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The Happy Valley Cultural Center Presents

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Arianna String Quartet & Michele Levin, Pianist

Sunday, December 3, 2017
3:00 pm / Logan House

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Arianna String Quartet

John McGrosso, *violin*
Julia Sakharova, *violin*
Kurt Baldwin, *cello*
Joanna Mendoza, *viola*

Hailed for their outstanding musicianship, the Arianna String Quartet has firmly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. Their performances have been praised for "tonal warmth, fastidious balance...

expressive vitality" (*Chicago Tribune*) and "emotional commitment and fluent virtuosity," (*Pretoria News, South Africa*). Formed in 1992, the ASQ garnered national attention by winning the Grand Prize in the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, First Prize in both the Coleman and Carmel Chamber Music Competitions, and were Laureates in the Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition.

The Arianna Quartet has appeared throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia, with frequent visits to Brazil and South Africa. They have collaborated with many of the world's finest musicians, including members of the Vermeer, Tokyo, Cleveland and Juilliard Quartets, and their live performances have been heard on National Public Radio's "Performance Today," and "Live from Music Mountain," which broadcasts to 125 stations in the U.S. and to 35 countries. The ASQ has recorded for Albany Records and Urtext Digital Classics, and has a long-term contract with Centaur Records. Their most recent release of the two string quartets of Janáček, which has already received critical acclaim, is now available. ("These performances of the Arianna String Quartet demonstrate how technical excellence, in alliance with imagination and the human heart, can come to create something truly transcendent." – *Fanfare Magazine*).



Michele Levin, Pianist

Audiences and critics have acclaimed Michele Levin, pianist and composer, as a multi-faceted musician of extraordinary sensitivity, virtuosity, and dedication to the art of making music. Ms. Levin is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music with a double major in piano and composition. She began her studies there at the age of eleven and is the first woman to receive their Master's degree in Composition.

The Johann Sebastian Bach International Piano Competition in Washington DC awarded her First Prize in competition with pianists from fourteen countries. Ms. Levin has performed as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Boston Pops, Florida Philharmonic, Miami Chamber Symphony, Sinfonia Virtuosi, New World Symphony, Albany Symphony, and Virginia Symphony. She has also given solo and chamber music recitals in major cities throughout the US, Canada, Europe, Asia, and Central and South America.

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Program

Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
BWV 903

— Michele Levin

Quartet No. 2, "Intimate Letters" Leoš Janáček (1854–1928)

Andante
Adagio
Moderato
Allegro

— Arianna String Quartet

Intermission

Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34 Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Allegro Non Troppo
Andante Un Poco Adagio
Scherzo Allegro
Finale Poco Sostenuto – Allegro Non Troppo

The Arianna String Quartet is represented by Joelle Manning Graves
Manning Artist Management

Meet the Artists!

A reception will be held on our patio immediately following the performance.