



Tuesday, November 12, 2002

The Sonnet Quartet returns to OU

Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** welcomes its professional musicians in residence, The Sonnet Quartet, for a concert Sunday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. Hailing from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre, these musicians are visiting OU for their fourth annual concert.

The program will highlight Bohemian composer Bedrich Smetana's Quartet in E minor of 1876 (subtitled "From My Life"). A very personal work for Smetana (1824 - 84), its movements express his journey from youth through adulthood. The last movement hauntingly alludes to the symptoms of his impending deafness. Also included in the performance are Schubert's Quartettsatz and Beethoven's Quartet in F minor op. 95.

The Sonnet Quartet consists of Kimberly Kaloyanides-Kennedy and Hai Xin Wu (Ann Arbor) on violin, Glenn Mellow (Huntington Woods) on viola and Sarah Cleveland (Ann Arbor), cello.

Kaloyanides-Kennedy joined the DSO in 1998. She has been a featured soloist with the University of Michigan Symphony and the University of Michigan Chamber Orchestra. She won the 1998 University of Michigan Concerto Competition in addition to many other honors.

Xin Wu joined the DSO in July 1995. He has performed throughout the United States as well as his native China. In May 1995, he made his Carnegie Hall debut in New York City performing Paganini's Violin Concerto with the New York Concert Senior Orchestra.

Mellow has been a DSO member since 1980. He received formal training at Northern Illinois University, studying with Nobuko Imai and other members of the Vermeer Quartet. Mellow's graduate degree is from Indiana University, where he studied with Abraham Skernick. He is a frequent performer of new music, working with composers such as William Bolcom, Gunther Schuller and David Baker.

Cleveland is a freelance musician in the Detroit area who performs with the symphony orchestras of Detroit and Ann Arbor and the Michigan Opera Theatre. She began her career with the Toledo Symphony where she was principal of the cello section for 13 years. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music and is the founder and director of the string group, SC Strings.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for seniors and OU employees and \$8 for students. For reservations, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013. Tickets also are available through the **Ticketmaster** Web site or by calling (248) 645-6666.

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