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# About the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival

Founded in 2001 and now in its 14th season, the nationally acclaimed Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival promotes public appreciation and education about chamber music. We feature internationally acclaimed talent from around the globe to enrich the life of Amelia Island, Jacksonville and the surrounding region. Approximately 25% of our annual budget is derived from ticket sales. We depend upon donations for the remaining 75%, which means that your financial support, which is fully tax-deductible, is absolutely essential to sustain this Festival. To learn how you can become a donor, please visit our web site at [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com). Since we are a volunteer organization, you also can support the Festival by volunteering your time and expertise. Exciting opportunities also are available for housing our guest artists. Again, visit our web site to learn how you can become a Festival volunteer.

## Winter Series

January 31	7:30 PM	Anne Akiko Meyers, violin
February 10	7:30 PM	Amernet String Quartet
February 12	1:00 PM	Christiania Trio
February 17	7:30 PM	Terry Barber, A Tenor for Everyone
February 24	7:30 PM	Kruger Brothers
March 1	2:00 PM	Joshua Bell Spectacular

## Spring Series

March 29	5:00 PM	Anton Nel, piano
May 17	5:00 PM	Daria Rabotkina, piano
May 23	7:30 PM	Dover Quartet
May 26	7:30 PM	Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists
May 31	6:00 PM	Eroica Trio

## Free Spring Concerts

May 9	2:00 PM	Concert in the Park: Jacksonville Brass Quintet
May 19	1:00 PM	Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists
May 21	3:00 PM	Family Concert: Philip Pan and his Viper Violin

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival has been selected as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events for May 2015

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# *To Our Friends and Supporters*

Welcome to our exciting 14th season, which will offer you a Who's Who of internationally renowned artists. We are proud to host Joshua Bell in March, universally considered one of the greatest violin virtuosos on the world stage. But Mr. Bell is far from the only acclaimed artist on our schedule. Violinist Rachel Barton Pine highlighted our season opener in November. During 2015, you also will thrill to renowned violinist Anne Akiko Meyers... the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio... Naumberg International Piano Competition winner Anton Nel... and the Dover Quartet, which swept the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. In addition, you will hear such emerging talent as Russian pianist Daria Rabotkina and the Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists, comprised of promising young artists from the nation's foremost conservatories.



Few other chamber music festivals will match the quality and depth of our 2015 lineup. We have attracted such elite musical talent, because the Amelia Island Chamber Festival is widely recognized as one of the nation's preeminent cultural events. Attaining this status is a tribute to our thousands of concert-goers, our generous sponsors and donors, and our dedicated corps of hardworking volunteers. This broad base of support truly makes the AICMF your festival, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to you.

We look forward to having you join the celebration of our 14th season!

Christopher Rex  
General and Artistic Director



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## *Dr. Henry Neal Coleman, III*

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of our long-time friend, passionate supporter and past president, Dr. Henry Neal Coleman, III. An Alabama native, Neal and his wife, Imogene, moved to Amelia Island in 2001, following his retirement from his suburban Chicago cardiology practice. He immediately immersed himself in the fledgling Amelia Island Chamber Festival, becoming one of our foremost supporters. An accomplished watercolor artist, Neal was elected to our Board of Directors in 2008 and named president that same year. He served in this position for four years, and under his leadership, the Festival enjoyed steady growth into a nationally prominent event. The Festival could not have attained its current stature and success without Neal's enduring contributions. We will miss his personal warmth, humor and wise counsel.



# Winter Series

The performances of the 2015 Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival are subject to change. So we urge you to visit [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com) for all of the latest details.

When you buy tickets to six concerts at one time, you will receive a 20% discount on your total purchase. If you previously purchased tickets to Rachel Barton Pine's concert in November, you will only need to purchase tickets to five concerts to qualify for this 20% discount.

Visitors to Amelia Island will receive a 50% discount on all Festival tickets by presenting a valid confirmation number from any lodging establishment on the island. Student tickets for all concerts are available 30 minutes prior to the performance, subject to availability, for \$10 with a valid student ID and proof of age under 25. All of these discounts, which cannot be combined, are available through the Festival office at 904-261-1779.

## January 31

### From Russia to Broadway and the Movies

Anne Akiko Meyers, violin  
Max Levinson, piano  
Christopher Rex, cello

Rachmaninoff *Trio Elegiac*, Prokofiev *VI Sonata No. 1*, Broadway and movie themes

7:30 PM  
Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island  
\$40

Anne Akiko Meyers is celebrated around the world for her brilliant artistry, making her one of today's most sought-after violinists. She regularly circles the globe, performing in recitals and as guest soloist with many of the world's greatest orchestras. Recent appearances have been with the Orchestre de Lyon under the baton of Leonard Slatkin, the MDR Leipzig Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Ms Meyers also is a best-selling recording artist, having released 30 acclaimed albums. She performs on the 'Ex-Vieuxtemps' Guarneri del Gesu violin, dated 1741, which was awarded to Ms Meyers for her lifetime use. This instrument is considered by many to be the finest sounding violin in existence.

Pianist Max Levinson has performed as soloist with many of America's foremost orchestras. An accomplished chamber musician, he launched his career by winning First Prize at the Guardian Dublin International Piano Competition, the first American to achieve this distinction. Christopher Rex, the AICMF's general and artistic director, has been principal cellist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra since 1979.



## February 10

### A Grand Tour of Europe

Amernet String Quartet  
Misha Vitenson, Violin  
Marcia Littley, Violin  
Michael Klotz, Viola  
Jason Calloway, Cello  
David Coucheron, violin  
Julie Coucheron, piano  
Christopher Rex, cello

Wolf *Italian Serenade*, Goldmark *Cello Quintet*, Chausson *Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Quartet*

7:30 PM  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach  
\$40

The Amernet String Quartet, lauded for their "immensely satisfying" playing by the *New York Times*, has garnered worldwide praise and recognition as one of today's exceptional string quartets. Ensemble-in-Residence at Florida International University in Miami, the group was formed in 1991 while its founding members were students at the Juilliard School. The Amernet quickly rose to international attention after their first season, winning the





gold medal at the Tokyo International Music Competition. The ensemble was subsequently named first prize winner of the prestigious Banff International String Quartet Competition. The Amernet has performed around the world and collaborated with many of today's most prominent artists and ensembles, including the Tokyo, St. Lawrence, and Ying quartets as well as Shmuel Ashkenasi, Robert deMaine, Andres Diaz, Roberto Diaz and Valentina Lisitsa.

Violinist David Coucheron is concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Julie Coucheron, David's sister, tours Europe and America as a soloist and chamber musician.

## February 12

### *Archdukes and Tangos*

Christiania Trio

David Coucheron, violin  
Julie Coucheron, piano  
Christopher Rex, cello

Beethoven *Archduke Trio* and Piazzolla *Tangos and Milongas*



1:00 PM

Café Karibo, 27 N. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach.

\$45 (includes a noon luncheon, glass of wine or soft drink, and tip)

Violinist David Coucheron was the youngest concertmaster among any major U.S. orchestra at the time of his appointment to this position at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 2010. He has worked with such conductors as ASO Music Director Robert Spano, Michael Tilson Thomas, Mstislav Rostropovich and Charles Dutoit. Mr. Coucheron has performed as a soloist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, in addition to playing solo recitals at Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall and the Kennedy Center. Julie Coucheron, David's sister, has established an international career as a soloist and chamber musician. She has won first prize in all of the national competitions she has attended. Ms Coucheron has worked with Lazar Berman, Claude Frank, Emanuel Ax, Vladimir Feltsman, John O' Connor, Elton John and Christopher O'Riley. She has toured the world playing in such great venues as Verizon Hall, Wigmore Hall and Carnegie Hall.

## February 17

### *Classical for Everyone: Chamber Music Pops*

Terry Barber, countertenor

Alina Kiryayeva, piano

Christopher Rex, cello

Music of Brahms, Verdi, Rachmaninoff, Bernstein, Rogers and Hammerstein, and others

7:30 PM

Amelia Baptist Church, Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach

\$35

Whether performing opera, jazz or popular favorites, countertenor Terry Barber breathes new life into everything he sings and crafts what the *Los Angeles Times* calls "performances of great vitality and verve." He has been featured on some of the world's most storied stages and has worked with many of the music industry's most prestigious songwriters, composers and producers. As a member of the multiple Grammy-winning ensemble Chanticleer, Mr. Barber was called "the jewel in Chanticleer's crown" With them, he performed opera, classical, gospel, jazz and folk music in a dozen languages at over a hundred concerts around the globe. He made his New York City Opera debut in 2001 in "Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria." In 2002, he joined the roster of the Metropolitan Opera for its staging of *Sly*, starring Plácido Domingo.

Pianist Alina Kiryayeva is lauded for her powerful command of the instrument, unique interpretations, clarity of sound and charismatic stage presence. A native of Ukraine, she has performed around the world.





## February 24

### Strummin' and Pluckin' Like No One Else

The Kruger Brothers  
Jens Kruger, banjo and vocals  
Uwe Kruger, guitar and vocals  
Joel Landsberg, bass and vocals

7:30 PM  
Walker's Landing, Omni Amelia Island Plantation  
\$50 (includes post-concert reception)



Lauded as "nothing short of magnificent" by the *Bluegrass Journal*, The Kruger Brothers provide a unique voice in the world of folk, Americana and classical music. Their original music is composed by Jens Kruger about whom folk music legend Happy Traum has written: "Jens Kruger has established himself as one of the world's most musically sophisticated and technically accomplished five-string banjo players." Born and raised in Europe, brothers Jens and Uwe were performing regularly by the time they were 11 and 12 and began their professional career in 1979. Joel Landsberg, a native of New York City, joined the brothers in the early 1990s and together they established the incomparable sound that the trio is known for today. A fixture within the world of acoustic music, The Kruger Brothers were awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant for *Music from the Spring*, a symphonic suite composed and orchestrated by Jens Kruger. The group regularly performs with symphony orchestras and string quartets throughout the country.

## March 1

### Joshua Bell Spectacular

Joshua Bell, violin  
Sam Haywood, piano

Beethoven *Sonata No. 4 for Violin and Piano*, Grieg *Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano*, Brahms *Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano*, Bartók *Rhapsody for Violin and Piano*

2:00 PM  
Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island  
\$75 for premium seating in rows 1-6  
\$50 all other seating

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is proud to host Joshua Bell, universally hailed as one of the most celebrated violinists of his era. "Joshua Bell is the greatest American violinist active today," wrote *The Boston Herald*. The influential *Strad Magazine* added, "Joshua Bell will be the one remembered in 50 years' time." His brilliant virtuosity, passion, and multi-faceted musical interests have earned him the rare title of "classical music superstar." Recently named Music Director of the renowned Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, Mr. Bell is the first person to hold this post since Sir Neville Marriner formed the orchestra in 1958.

Equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and orchestra leader, Mr. Bell started his 2015 season with European tours with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, in addition to a U.S. and Canadian recital tour. Spring solo performances included appearances with the Munich Philharmonic and Orchestra Nacional d'España and three Czech chamber music concerts at London's Wigmore Hall. Mr. Bell has recorded more than 40 CDs since his first LP recording at age 18. He performs on the 1713 Huberman Stradivarius and uses a late 18th century French bow by François Tourte.

Pianist Sam Haywood, a regular duo partner of Joshua Bell, has played to critical acclaim in many of the world's major concert halls.





# Spring Series



## March 29

### Distinguished Pianist, Anton Nel

Anton Nel, piano  
Christopher Rex, cello

Music of Mozart, Debussy, Chopin, Granados and Beethoven *Cello Sonata*

5:00 PM  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach  
\$35

Anton Nel, first-prize winner of the 1987 Naumburg International Piano Competition at Carnegie Hall, has an active repertoire of more than 100 works for piano and orchestra. As an acclaimed Beethoven interpreter, he has performed the complete Beethoven concerto cycle several times, most notably on two consecutive evenings with the Cape Philharmonic in 2005. He also has performed complete cycles of Beethoven's violin and cello works. Possessing an encyclopedic chamber music and vocal repertoire, he also has regularly collaborated with many of the world's foremost string quartets, instrumental soloists and singers. Mr. Nel has appeared as soloist with many of the world's greatest orchestras and is a favorite at summer festivals, including Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival, Aspen and Ravinia, where he serves on the artist faculty.

## May 9

### Splendor in the Brass: Free Concert in Amelia Park

Jacksonville Brass Quintet  
Julian Kaplan, trumpet  
Brian Osborne, trumpet  
Debra Fialek, horn  
Jeffry Peterson, trombone  
James Jenkins, tuba

Pops and light classical

2:00 PM  
Amelia Park Concert Pavilion  
Free concert—no ticket required

## May 17

### Present Meets Past

Daria Rabotkina, piano  
Christopher Rex, cello

Music of Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Bizet and Rabotkina

5:00 PM  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach  
\$35

Russian-born pianist Daria Rabotkina won the 2007 Concert Artists Guild International Competition. Her career has included solo appearances with the San Francisco and New World Symphonies under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas and with the Kirov Orchestra in a four-concert North American tour. Ms. Rabotkina also has given recitals at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall in New York; Ravinia's Rising Stars recital series; and the Moscow Tchaikovsky





Conservatory. "Whether in front of an orchestra, recital hall or chamber music setting, Ms. Rabotkina impresses audiences and critics alike with her clearly prodigious musical gifts," wrote *The Washington Post*.

## May 19

### Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists Showcase

Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists

Jecoliah Wang, violin

Leah Latoracca, violin

Nina Bledsoe Ray, viola

Elaine Shin, cello

Cecelia Kao, piano

Music TBA

1:00 PM

Savannah Grand of Amelia Island

1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach

Free concert—no ticket required

The Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists are composed of outstanding young artists from the nation's premier conservatories. This year's artists will train with several Festival musicians. The Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists program is part of our ongoing educational outreach.

## May 21

### Violin and Viper: A Family Concert

Philip Pan and his Viper violin

Music TBA

3:00 PM

Boys and Girls Club

1175 Lime Street, Fernandina Beach

Free concert—no ticket required



Phillip Pan, who has been concertmaster of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra since 1984, can be heard playing his electric Viper violin in the Jacksonville Symphony's Plugged In and Pops series and at various



clubs around town. Frequently featured with the orchestra, he also has appeared as soloist with the Boston Pops, the Albany and Schenectady Symphonies, and the Bach Aria Festival in Stony Brook, N.Y. He performs in recital at the Friday Musicale, the Cummer Museum and MOCA Jacksonville, as well as with Synergy and the St. Mark's Bach Ensemble.

## May 23

### The Golden Quartet: Music of the Ages

The Dover Quartet

Joel Link, violin

Bryan Lee, violin

Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt, viola

Camden Shaw, cello

James Dunham, viola

Christopher Rex, cello

Beethoven *Op. 18, No. 5*; Uhlman *Quartet No. 3*; Tchaikovsky *Sextet Souvenir of Florence*

7:30 PM

Historic Nassau County Couthouse, 416 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach

\$40

The Dover Quartet catapulted to international stardom following a stunning sweep of the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. The ensemble since has become one of the most in-demand ensembles in the world. *The New Yorker* recently dubbed them "the young American string quartet of the moment," and *The Strad* Magazine raved that the Quartet is "already pulling away from their peers with their exceptional interpretive



maturity, tonal refinement and taut ensemble.” In 2013-14, the Quartet became the first ever Quartet-in-Residence at the venerated Curtis Institute of Music. During the 2014-15 season, the Dover Quartet will perform more than 100 concerts throughout the United States, Canada, South America and Europe, including performances at the Kennedy Center, the Schneider Concerts in New York and Wigmore Hall in London. Violist James Dunham is active internationally as a soloist, recitalist and guest artist.

## May 26

### Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists:

#### The Romantic Age

Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists

Jecoliah Wang, violin

Leah Latoracca, violin

Nina Bledsoe Ray, viola

Elaine Shin, cello

Cecelia Kao, piano

Elizabeth Pridgen, piano

Music of Brahms, Dvorak, Schubert, Franck

7:30 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach

\$20 (includes post-concert reception)

Elizabeth Pridgen, the G. Leslie Chair of Music at Mercer University, has amassed a distinguished career as a soloist and chamber musician.

## May 31

### Closing Gala

Eroica Trio

Erika Nickrenz, piano

Sara Parkins, violin

Sara Sant'Ambrogio, cello

Christopher Rex, cello

Program Music of Barriere, Smetana, Bach, Schoenfield

6:00 PM (pre-concert cash bar and post-concert “dutch treat” dinner)

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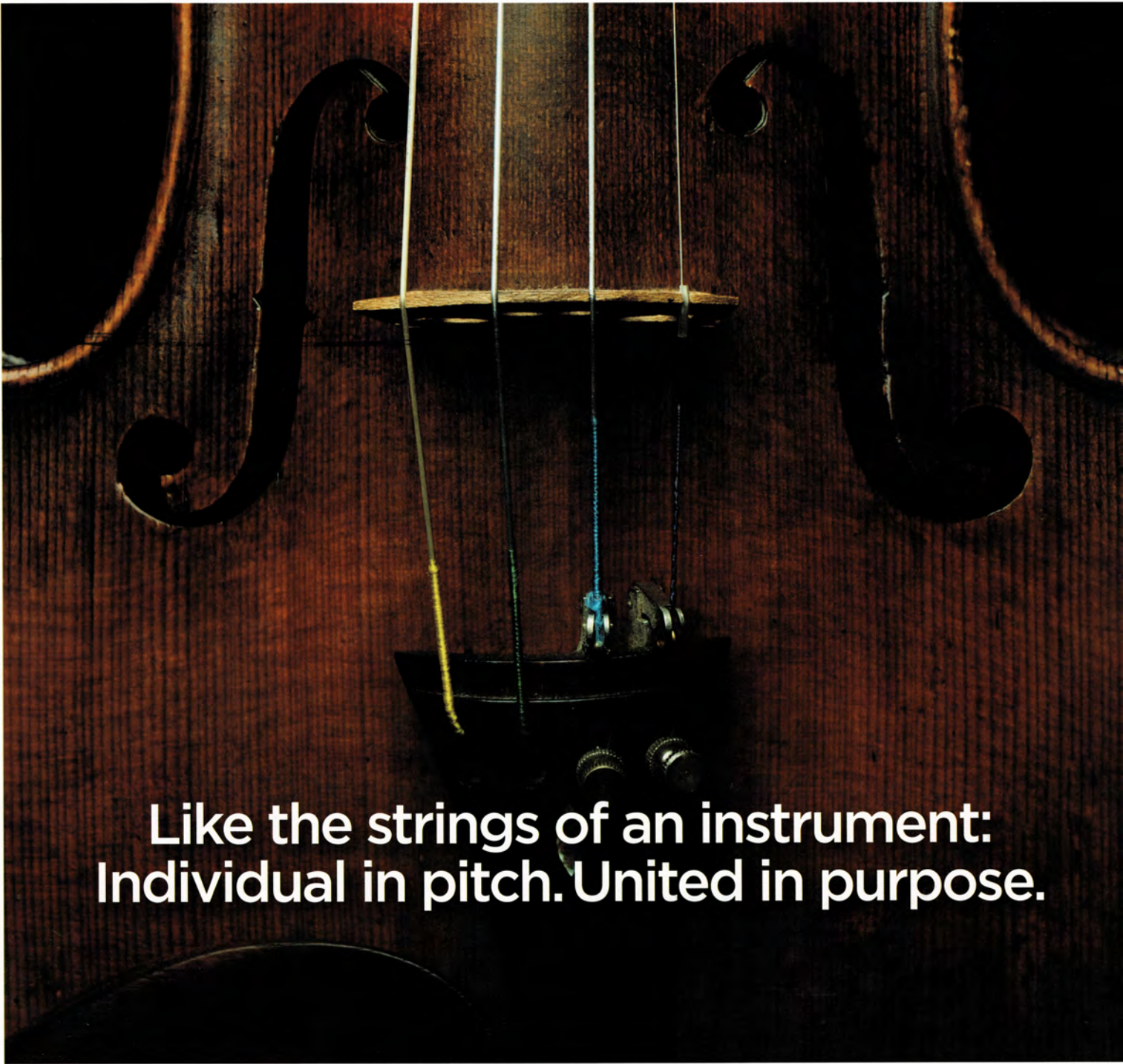
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hall. There is an edge of the seat intensity to every note they produce”. The Trio won the prestigious Naumburg Award, resulting in a highly successful Lincoln Center debut and has since toured the U.S., Europe and Asia. The Trio also has released eight critically acclaimed recordings, garnering multiple Grammy® nominations.





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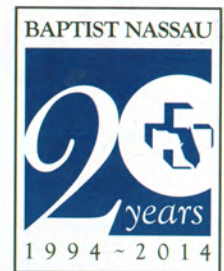
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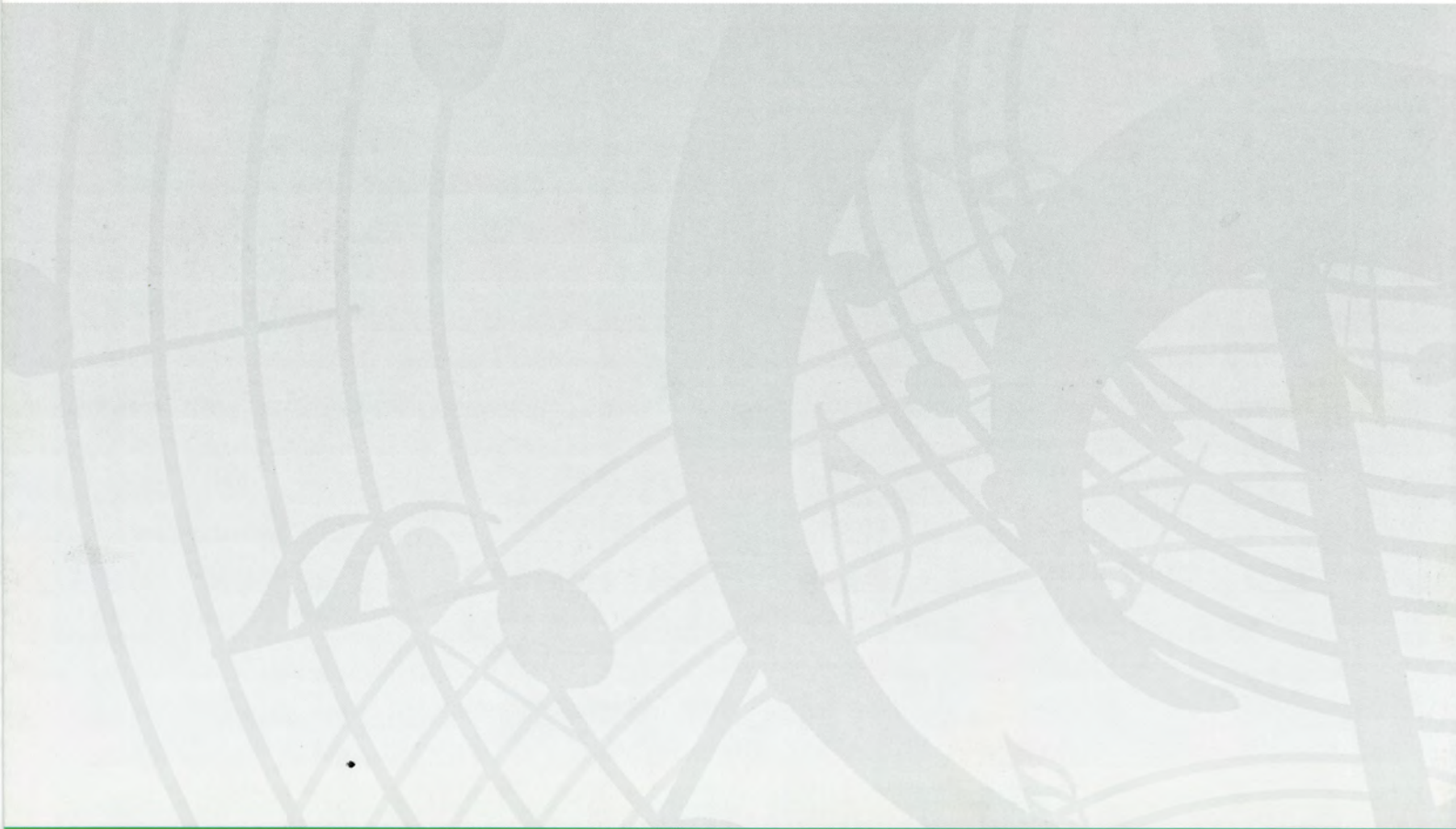
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