

The Chamber Music Society of Williamsburg

2021-2022 Concert Season

Dedication

The Chamber Music Society of Williamsburg dedicates the 2021-2022 season to **William L. Bynum**, chamber music lover and founder of the Society in 1987. Bill was the Society's first president and served in many roles until his death in November 2020. Bill's initiative, enthusiasm, and hard work ensured that thousands of audience members have enjoyed beautiful music for many years and that they will continue to do so for many more.



Opening the season are frequent collaborators – the **Adaskin String Trio** and pianist **Sally Pinkas**. Pinkas, a “scintillating force” (*Gramophone*), has received universal acclaim for her performances and been praised for her radiant tone and driving energy. The Adaskin, cited for its “instrumental power and eloquence” (*Gramophone*), has impressed



audiences with exuberant playing and programming. Performances by the Pinkas and Adaskin partnership are “ferociously gorgeous” (*Audiophile Audition*) and “nothing short of remarkable” (*BlogsCritic*).



Distinguished by virtuosity, probing musical insight, and impassioned, fiery performances, the **Ariel Quartet** has garnered critical praise worldwide. Formed in Israel two decades ago, the Ariel has won the prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award, the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition Grand Prize, and the Székely Prize. The *American Record Guide* described the Ariel as “a consummate ensemble gifted with utter musicality and remarkable interpretive power.”



Giving performances that are “lithe, persuasive” (*New York Times*) and “eloquent and enthralling” (*Boston Globe*), the **Horszowski Trio** has become a vital force in



the international chamber music world. The *New Yorker* described the Horszowski as “the most compelling American group to come on the scene.” Based in New York City, the trio debuted in 2011 and tours extensively in North America as well as in Europe and Asia.



The **Escher Quartet**, formed in 2005, has received acclaim for its profound musical insight and rare tonal beauty. In its hometown of New York City, the ensemble serves as season artists of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, where it has performed quartet cycles of Beethoven and Zemlinsky. The *New York Classical Review* raved that “the Escher Quartet tends to make everything they play sound like a masterpiece.”



Luminous sound and exceptional musicianship are hallmarks of the **Parker Quartet**, Blodgett Artists-in-Residence at Harvard University. The Quartet's recording of Ligeti's complete



works for string quartet won the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance. Other honors include Chamber Music America's Cleveland Quartet Award and the Grand Prix and Mozart Prize at France's Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition. Hailed by the *Washington Post* for "exceptional virtuosity [and] imaginative interpretation," the Parker Quartet has distinguished itself as a preëminent ensemble of its generation.



Winners of both the First Prize and Amadeus Prize at the Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition, the **Formosa Quartet** is "one of the very best quartets of their generation"

(David Soyer, cellist, Guarneri Quartet).

Reviewers have noted their

"youthful freshness...exuberance...and spellbinding virtuosity" (*BBC Music Magazine*) and "focused intensity and extraordinary musicianship" (*San Diego Union Tribune*).



Artists, venue, and dates subject to change.

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The Chamber Music Society of Williamsburg was founded in 1987 to foster the appreciation of chamber music in the Williamsburg area. In so doing, it partners with the Feldman Chamber Music Society of Norfolk to present quality concerts by chamber music artists and ensembles with national and international reputations.

The artists appear by arrangement with the following agents:

Adaskin/Sally Pinkas	General Arts Touring
Ariel Quartet	MKI Artists
Horszowski Trio	BesenArts LLC
Escher Quartet	Arts Management Group
Parker Quartet	MKI Artists
Formosa Quartet	BesenArts LLC

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*Adaskin String Trio
with Sally Pinkas, Piano
September 21, 2021*

*Ariel Quartet
October 26, 2021*

*Horszowski Trio
December 7, 2021*

*Escher Quartet
February 1, 2022*

*Parker Quartet
March 8, 2022*

*Formosa Quartet
April 5, 2022*

All concerts are at 8:00 p.m.
Williamsburg Library Theatre
515 Scotland Street, Williamsburg, VA