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CHAMBER MUSIC ALBUQUERQUE
PRESENTS A "GOLDEN" 2025-26 SEASON

"Golden is **being special, perfect, splendid and amazing**" – Urban Dictionary

Albuquerque, NM, August 8, 2024----- Chamber Music Albuquerque announces its 84th season presenting New Mexico audiences with live up-close performances by exceptional chamber musicians. The **2025-26** season's seven-concert line-up includes the **Catalyst Quartet, the Danish String Quartet, Joseph Lin & Friends' Beethoven Celebration, Curtis on Tour with Roberto Diaz, Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Wind Ensemble, Viano Quartet with Avi Avital, and Sō Percussion with Caroline Shaw**. The season's programming offers a golden opportunity to explore the great variety in the life of chamber music with newly commissioned work to the most familiar and beloved classical pieces.

Highlights include season opener **Grammy Award-winning Catalyst Quartet**. In line with the **Catalyst's "Uncovered Project,"** an ongoing performance and recording anthology of the complete string quartets and chamber works by historically important Black composers, **the quartet will perform two pieces by Florence Price** for CMA audiences. While teaching chamber music to Black and LatinX students at the Curtis Institute of Music in 2018, the Catalyst Quartet launched "The Uncovered Project," an effort to collect all known, discoverable quartets by notable Black composers and professionally record them. The objective is to provide a resource for their broader study, performance, and inclusion in the standard classical canon.

In December, violinist **Joseph Lin (formerly of the Juilliard Quartet) & Friends** offer "**A Beethoven Celebration,**" a unique look at three works composed by the great

composer that serve as a gateway to his late style. From prayerful meditation and delicate lyricism to playful exuberance and passionate outbursts, Beethoven's three consecutive masterpieces - Opus 95, 96 and 97 - offer a rich and fascinating musical journey that captures a time of transition in Beethoven's life. For this **program of sonata duo, piano trio, and string quartet**, Joseph Lin returns to Chamber Music Albuquerque for the first time since 2017, joined by his dear friends Helen Huang, Raman Ramakrishnan, Claire Bourg, and Natalie Loughran.

For the season finale, **Grammy Award-winning Sō Percussion joins Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-performer Caroline Shaw as they present their *Ringdown* program**. In Sō's latest offering, the ensemble provides a theatrical performance of songs by Caroline Shaw and Sō Percussion, featuring *Ringdown*. Spanning years of working together across several albums, **the performance is a band-generated theatrical experience**, featuring staging and design by Director Mark DeChiazza. The musicians gradually place lights and reveal novel instruments as the show builds from a lone spotlight on Shaw to the ecstatic full ensemble performing thrilling up-tempo songs like "Sing On" and "To the Sky," as films by Sō Percussion member Jason Treuting splash across canvases throughout the stage. This production melds **DIY design with dazzling original songs, to sensational effect**.

Season ticket packages (a 15% savings) are still available through October 5th. Single tickets will go on sale August 18th.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CHAMBER MUSIC ALBUQUERQUE PRESENTS

Catalyst Quartet

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
6400 Wyoming Blvd. NE

Danish String Quartet

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
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Joseph Lin, Beethoven Celebration

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
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Curtis on Tour
Sunday February 15, 2026, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
6400 Wyoming Blvd. NE

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
Wind Ensemble
Sunday April 12, 2026, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
6400 Wyoming Blvd. NE

Viano Quartet with Avi Avital
Sunday May 3, 2026, 3pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
6400 Wyoming Blvd.

Sō Percussion with Caroline Shaw
Sunday, June 21, 2026, 4pm

Simms Center for the Performing Arts
Albuquerque Academy Campus
6400 Wyoming Blvd.

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CMA 2025-26 Season

Tickets:

Tickets \$35 and \$50; Student tickets (available at the door) \$10

Tickets are available at <https://tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/449660?tc=hmt>
or by calling (505) 886-1251, extension 2.

Additional information and ticket links can be found at www.chambermusicABQ.com

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