

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET



Hailed for their outstanding musicianship, the Arianna String Quartet has firmly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. Formed in 1992, they garnered national attention by winning the Grand Prize in the 1994 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition, and First Prize in both the Coleman and Carmel Chamber Music Competitions. They were also Laureates in the 1999 Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition.

The Arianna String Quartet has appeared throughout North America, Europe and Asia, including critically acclaimed debuts at Orchestra Hall in Chicago and Tokyo's Suntory Hall, and have been heard on live nationally broadcast performances in Osaka, Japan, on Canada's CBC radio, several times as part of Chicago's prestigious Dame Myra Hess Series, and on National Public Radio's "Performance Today" program. Highlights for 2011 include concert tours in Brazil, South Africa and Canada.

The Arianna String Quartet has recorded for Albany Records and Urtext Digital Classics, and recently signed a long-term contract with Centaur Records for recordings of the complete quartets of Beethoven, Bartók, Janáček and the Mozart "Haydn" Quartets. The first of these discs, the quartets of Janacek, will be released in the fall of 2010, with recordings of Beethoven's Op.18 quartets to follow in 2011. Based in St. Louis since 2000, the Arianna String Quartet serves as associate professors of their respective instruments, and quartet-in-residence at the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Recognized for their innovative educational programs, the ASQ was awarded Chamber Music America Residency Grants in 1996 and 2003 and has given over 1000 educational outreach performances. In 2005, the Arianna Quartet received the Missouri String Teacher Association's Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding contributions to music education and the cultivation of young audiences throughout Missouri.