



Canton Symphony Orchestra
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Grand Prize Winners Return to Open Symphony Primetime Thursday & PNC Casual Friday Series

The Canton Symphony Orchestra's tradition of chamber music concerts continues this season with the Aultman PrimeTime Thursday Series and the PNC Casual Friday Series in Cable Recital Hall located in the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts at 1001 Market Ave. N. The hour long, recital style performances tend to feature less traditional music and the intimate atmosphere creates a unique connection between the musicians and the audience. Concertgoers are encourage to stay after each performance to mingle with the musicians and enjoy complementary cookies and coffee following the midday PrimeTime concerts, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine following the evening PNC Casual Friday performances.

The Orchestra welcomes back the award winning Linden String Quartet to open both series this season. They will perform Thursday, **September 23 at 1:00pm** with a PrimeTime Thursday concert, and again **September 24 at 7:00pm** for the PNC Casual Friday concert. The programs will include Murphy *Dark Energy*, Dvořák *String Quartet No. 12 in F Major, Op. 96 "American"*, and Walton *String Quartet No.2 in A Major*.

Formerly the quartet-in-residence for the Canton Symphony during the 2009-2010 season, The Linden String Quartet's talented musicians – violinists Sarah McElravy and Catherine Cosbey, cellist Felix Umansky and violist Eric Wong were recently awarded first place in the 2010 Hugo Kauder Competition. They are currently the quartet-in-residence at Yale where they will study under the renowned Tokyo Quartet. Just formed the spring of 2008, the Quartet was also the gold medalist and grand-prize winner of the 2009 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and recipient of the Coleman-Barstow prize for their excellence at the 2009 Coleman National Ensemble Competition.

The remaining programs on the 2010-2011 Casual season include:

Oct. 28 and 29–Flute & Harp Duo Canton Symphony musicians Katherine Dejongh, flute and Nancy Paterson, harp will perform works of Persichetti, Ravel, Ibert, Bizet, Salzedo & Bach.

Feb. 3 and 4–Violin & Piano Concertmaster Nathan Olson, violin joins Canton Symphony CEO/ President Steve Wogaman, piano for an all Beethoven program featuring *Sonata No.5 in F Major, “Spring”* and *Sonata No. 9 in A Major, “Kreutzer”*.

March 10 and 11–Two Pianos and Percussion The Appassionata Piano Duo: Maira Liliestedt & Janelle Phinney are joined by percussionists John Curtis and Matthew Beck for an exciting collaboration. The program includes Mozart’s, *Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major, K448*, Barber, *Souvenirs, Op.28* and Bartók *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion*.

Single-ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Group rates and series subscriptions are available. Special discounts are available for PrimeTime card members for the PrimeTime Series when reserved through the Primetime Program Service Center at 330-363-6262 and single tickets can be ordered online at www.cantonsymphony.org or by calling the Canton Symphony Box Office at 330-452-2094 between 10:00am–2:00pm.

Founded in 1937, the Canton Symphony Orchestra is a fully professional ensemble and organization dedicated to performing concerts that enrich, educate and entertain residents of Stark County and beyond. The Canton Symphony Orchestra performs classical, holiday and a variety of educational programs each season at Umstattd Hall, 2323 17th St. NW, Canton, as well as other venues in Stark County. Administrative offices are located in the Cultural Center for the Arts, 1001 Market Ave. N, Canton, Ohio 44702.
