

***SERAFIN SUMMER MUSIC 2025***

**STRING SPLENDOR**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7pm

**Lewes Public Library**

111 Adams Avenue

Lewes, DE 19958

**Eric Pritchard and Kate Ransom, violin**  
**Amadi Azikiwe and Lionel Thomas, viola**  
**Guang Wang, cello**

PROGRAM

String Quartet in Bb Major, Op. 1 #1

Franz Josef Haydn  
(1732-1809)

Presto  
Menuetto  
Adagio  
Menuetto  
Presto

*Mr. Pritchard, Ms. Ransom, Mr. Azikiwe, Mr. Wang*

Quintet in A Minor for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Cello, Op. 1

Antonin Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Adagio – Allegro ma non troppo  
Lento  
Allegro con brio

*Mr. Pritchard, Ms. Ransom, Mr. Azikiwe, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wang*

*(This program is played without intermission and runs approximately 60 minutes)*

## PROGRAM NOTES

by Michael Redmond

### **Franz Joseph Haydn: String Quartet in B Flat Major, Op. 1, No. 1 (La Chasse)**

Haydn, who composed 67 string quartets over the course of a long and productive life, claimed to have discovered the string quartet form by accident. While employed by Baron Fürnberg he was asked to bolster the baron's amateur domestic trio (two violins and cello). It made musical sense to bridge the parts by adding the viola, which Haydn proceeded to learn. The early quartets were light-hearted affairs that owed much to the trio sonata and divertimento. Haydn brought his characteristic vivacity, elegance and clarity to the new form. His first quartets were published in 1764.

### **Antonin Dvořák: Viola Quintet in A Minor, Op. 1**

“Dvořák wrote his quintet when he was 20 years old; it is the first work to which he attributed an opus number. The young composer still adhered closely to Classical examples, in particular Mozart and Beethoven; however, the piece clearly shows signs of Dvořák's distinctive personality and musicality.” (Ficks Music)

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