

## **Grammy-nominated Ensō String Quartet perform in Guest Concert Series**

The Grammy-nominated Ensō String Quartet – featuring violinists Maureen Nelson and Ken Hamao, cellist Richard Belcher and violist Melissa Reardon – made its Angelico Concert Hall debut on January 31 during the 15th season of the Guest Concert Series at Dominican University of California.

The Sunday concerts, sponsored by [Dominican's Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts](#), start at 3 p.m. Free parking is available in the nearby Conlan Center lot off Grand Avenue in San Rafael.

Founded at Yale University in 1999, the Ensō String Quartet has won a number of competitions including the Concert Artists Guild, Banff International String Quartet Competition, and Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. It has released three albums, one of which was nominated for a Grammy award in 2010 for "Best Chamber Music Performance." Classical Voice names the group "one of the eminent string quartets of our era" and a Washington Post review noted, "the quartet brought it off with smoldering power — half honey, half molten lava — and beautifully integrated playing."

At Dominican, the Ensō String Quartet performed Ginastera's String Quartet No. 1, Op. 20; Thomas Ades' Arcadiana for string quartet; and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3.

The concerts are free to students under the age of 18 including middle school and elementary school children if accompanied and supervised by an adult. In addition, community college students with a valid I.D. and music and art teachers in grades K-12 will be admitted free of charge along with Dominican faculty, staff and students with a valid I.D.

Subscription season tickets for the [Guest Concert Series](#) are \$72 for general admission, \$60 for seniors over 60. Single-event tickets, which are only available at the door 30 minutes prior to scheduled performances, are \$18 for general admission and \$15 for seniors over 60.

For more information on tickets and the [2015-16 Guest Concert Series schedule](#), call 415-482-3579, email [concerts@dominican.edu](mailto:concerts@dominican.edu) or visit <http://www.dominican.edu/events>.

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