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ProMusica Chamber Orchestra hosts new series of unconventional shows outside of the traditional concert hall

6 ProMusica Sessions concerts presented by PNC Arts Alive run from August into November

(Columbus, OH) –ProMusica Chamber Orchestra today announced a line-up of new informal small ensemble concerts featuring quartets, duos or single musicians that mixes traditional chamber music with rock, rap, tango and more with *ProMusica Sessions* in the less formal and intimate settings of Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, Wolf's Ridge Brewing, and Brother's Drake Meadery.

Concert-goers can grab a drink or two and a a bite to eat as the musicians – a mix of ProMusica members and special guest performers – lead the audiences through programs they've curated themselves to present music from a wide array of genres, speakingabout the ties that bind the classical to the contemporary.

"The leap from classical chamber music to the Beastie Boys, for example, is not nearly as wide as people might think," said ProMusica Director Janet Chen. "We're excited for the opportunity to give our musicians and their collaborators a venue to stretch their wings, develop their own programs, and to play music that speaks to them but might be a bit outside their primary genre and what ProMusica regularly does. Above all else, we aim to give the audience a great night of music in a relaxed and intimate atmosphere."

Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 pm

@ Wolf's Ridge Brewing - Hickory Room, 215 N. 4th Street 43215

Eric Kline, violin, **Heather Kufchak**, violin, **Brett Allen**, viola, and **Cora Kuyvenhoven**, cello present **Night at the Movies** -- A string quartet brings the magic of the movies to life with a crossgenre selection of favorites from the big screen.

Tuesday, August 20, 8:00 pm

@ Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza, 5601 N. High Street, Worthington 43085

Cellist **Nat Chaitkin** presents *Declassifying the Classical* -- What do the Beastie Boys, James Brown, Sousa, and Mozart have in common? Find out as we dig down to the roots, with "Bach & Boombox"!

Sunday, September 29, 7:30 pm

@ Brothers Drake Meadery, 26 E. Fifth Avenue 43201

Rebecca Willie, violin and **Eric Willie**, percussion present **Legal Wood** -- Husband-wife, violin and percussion, duo takes the stage with a variety of eclectic contemporary music created and reimagined for this unique combo.



Thursday, October 3, 7:30 pm

@ Wolf's Ridge Brewing - Hickory Room, 215 N. 4th Street 43215

John Pellegrino, bass and **Jena Huebner**, bass present **Double the Bass** -- Two double bassists share the progression of music across eras from early Renaissance and Baroque, through Classical and Romantic, to hits of today.

Thursday, October 24, 8:00 pm

@ Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Avenue, Columbus 43212 (as part of Natalie's Grandview opening celebrations)

Victoria Moreira, violin, Naomi Culp, violin, Amanda Grimm, viola and Hope Shepherd DeCelle, cello present *It Takes Four to Tango* -- The essence of tango culture captured through the beautiful sounds of a string quartet. Explore the evolution of tango music and its many styles.

Thursday, November 7, 8:00 pm

@ Natalie's Grandview, 945 King Avenue, Columbus 43212

Cellist **Joel Becktell** presents **Bach in Time** -- Playing both the Modern and Baroque cello instruments, hear the comparison as one cellist performs works by Bach, the father of the famous Cello Suites.

Admission for each concert is \$10 general admission. Tickets for the dates at Wolf's Ridge and Brothers Drake shows can be purchased in advance through the ProMusica office (614-464-0066 ext. 101; www.promusicacolumbus.org) or at the door. The dates at Natalie's Coal Fired Pizza and Natalie's Grandview will available exclusively through the venue.

This series is presented through PNC Arts Alive.

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SEASON TICKET SUBSCRIPTION (AND SINGLE TICKET) INFORMATION

Single tickets to any regular season concert – from \$16 to \$58 -- will go on sale August 12th. Subscriptions and single tickets are available through the ProMusica office (614-464-0066 ext. 101; www.promusicacolumbus.org) or through Ticketmaster.

ABOUT PROMUSICA

ProMusica Chamber Orchestra delivers a world-class and unique classical music experience—through innovative chamber orchestra programming, education outreach, audience intimacy, and artistic excellence. Recognized for its commitment to performing new and contemporary repertoire, ProMusica has commissioned 67 new works and has presented more than 110 premieres.

Bringing worldwide talent to Columbus since 1978, ProMusica offers an adventurous musical experience through intimate performances on the stages of the Southern Theatre and the Worthington United Methodist Church. The orchestra, comprised of 37 musicians, showcases homegrown talents, rising stars, and guest artists of international acclaim. Beyond the concert hall, the orchestra is equally at home throughout the community, serving thousands of individuals through key education and outreach programs. Known for its dual traditions of artistic integrity and fiscal responsibility, ProMusica is now in its 40th season.



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