



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **Bay Chamber Concerts Colors the Fall**

*New season starts with Chamber Music All Stars*

Bay Chamber Concerts launches its 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series with "Chamber Music All Stars" on Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House. The concert brings the much acclaimed Muir String Quartet back to the Midcoast, joined by other stars of chamber music. Admission to the concert is just \$20, a significant reduction from previous years, thanks to the generosity of underwriter Brewster Point.

This concert is a popular annual tradition, as each Columbus Day weekend the Chamber Music All Stars come to Rockport to perform for the public and to coach some fifty amateur chamber musicians who gather for the Fall Foliage Adult Chamber Music Weekend. While enjoying the splendor of the Midcoast's brilliantly colored landscapes, the outstanding professional musicians teach and then perform the Sunday concert, this year held in honor of Betty & Ted Evans and co-sponsored by Quarry Hill.

The Muir String Quartet has been the Quartet in Residence at Boston University for 24 years and the group is a perennial favorite of Bay Chamber audiences. Members of the Quartet performing are violinist Peter Zazofsky, violist Steven Ansell, cellist Michael Reynolds, with founding violinist Bayla Keyes. They are joined by violist Maria Lambros, cellist Marc Johnson and pianist Cary Lewis. They will perform Mozart's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat major, K. 493, Barber's String Quartet, Op. 11 and Brahms' String Sextet in B-flat major no 1, Op. 18.

This summer Bay Chamber Concerts announced a dramatic price decrease on tickets to the 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series. Most tickets to the season are just \$20, a decrease of 38% from last year. The goal of the new program, underwritten by Brewster Point, is to make performing arts affordable for all members of the community.

Subscriptions to the 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series are still available. Subscriptions give a variety of discounts and benefits, including the option of exchanging tickets from one concert to another.

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Subscribers to the season receive up to a 50% discount on their tickets. As a number of Bay Chamber Concerts' events sell out, it is best to purchase tickets or subscriptions as far in advance as possible.

Most tickets are \$20. Prime seating is \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. A limited number of \$8 tickets will be available for youth ages 18 and under. Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase subscriptions or tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at [www.baychamberconcerts.org](http://www.baychamberconcerts.org).

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### **Calendar Listings:**

**Date:** Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

**Title:** Chamber Music All Stars

**Sponsors:** \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point. In Memory of Betty & Ted Evans. Co-sponsor: Quarry Hill.

**Performers:** Peter Zazofsky and Bayla Keyes, violins; Steven Ansell and Maria Lambros, violas; Michael Reynolds and Marc Johnson, cellos; Cary Lewis, piano.

**Program:** Mozart's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat major, K. 493, Barber's String Quartet, Op. 11 and Brahms' String Sextet in B-flat major No. 1, Op. 18.

**Description:** A Columbus Day weekend tradition – an all star chamber music group with members of the Muir Quartet and friends.

**Price:** Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

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