

Viano Quartet, One of the Most Sought-After and Exciting Young Ensembles Today, Closes the 2023/24 ACT Presents Season

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The ACT Arts Centre welcomes the Viano Quartet to close the 2023/24 Season with a performance on Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm. Viano Quartet takes place as one of the most sought-after and exciting young ensembles today. Single tickets are starting at \$22.50 + fees and can be purchased online at theactmapleridge.org/viano-quartet.

The quartet achieved incredible success in their formative years, with an unbroken streak of top prizes at major competitions. Since winning first prize at the 2019 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the group is currently in-residence at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in New York City through 2027. The quartet has also held residencies at The Curtis Institute of Music, The Colburn Conservatory of Music, Northern Michigan University, and Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University.



Viano Quartet, left to right: Aiden Kane, Tate Zawadiuk, Lucy Wang, Hao Zhou

"...[H]aving [the] extraordinary opportunity of the Bowers Program at The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center is an incredible achievement for this exceptional quartet" says internationally-acclaimed violinist and violist Barry Shiffman, Director of the Banff International String Quartet Competition.

Since forming in 2015, Viano Quartet has performed at international venues Wigmore Hall (U.K), Konzerthaus Berlin (Germany), and Segerstrom Center for the Arts (U.S.A), as well as captivating audiences around New York, Vancouver, Paris, Beijing, Toronto, Lucerne, Los Angeles, and many other cities. They have collaborated with artists such as GRAMMY-Award winning pianist Emanuel Ax, concert violinist Noah Bendix-Balgley, and 11-time GRAMMY-Award nominated pianist and composer Marc-André Hamelin. Club Theatre productions, television, and JUNO-award performances.

The four-person ensemble is comprised of violinists Lucy Wang and Hao Zhou, violist Aiden Kane, and cellist Tate Zawadiuk, "We are...passionate about producing performances geared towards audiences that are new to classical music...we believe that is the responsibility of the artists of our generation to bring attention to classical music."

In a work written specifically for Viano Quartet titled *The Train to Improbable Places*, composer Kevin Lau noted that, though the quartet plays his piece faster than he had imagined, and was "not surprised, since speed and accuracy is one of their defining features." The classical music concert will feature the work, alongside other pieces by composers Astor Piazzolla, Franz Joseph

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Viano Quartet, left to right: Tate Zawadiuk, Aiden Kane, Lucy Wang, Hao Zhou

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