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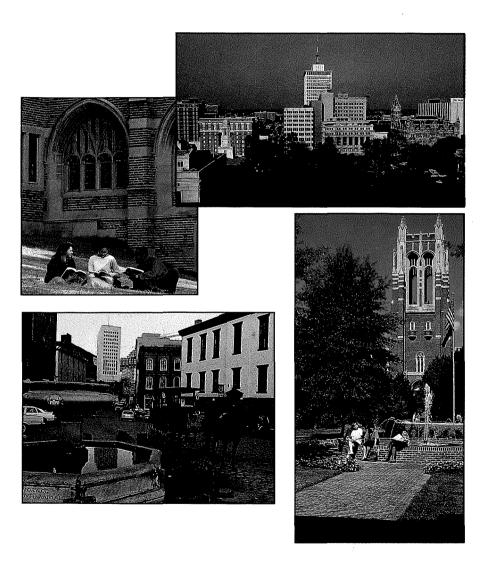
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UR MOVES DOWNTOWN



A CONCERT SERIES
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University of Richmond Concert Series at The Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts

JANUARY 9 The Boston Camerata

Joel Cohen, Music Director

FEBRUARY 27

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with the University Jazz Ensemble and the UR jazz fusion quintet, Late 4 Breakfast directed by Michael Davison

APRIL 19 The Shanghai Quartet

with Richard Becker, piano

APRIL 24

CURRENTS Concert

with Heinz Holliger, guest oboist and Christine Schadeberg, guest soprano

Fred Cohen, conductor

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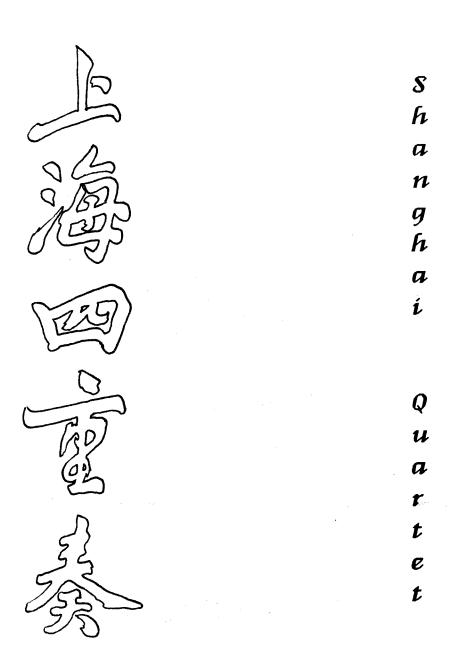
The Shanghai Quartet

Weigang Li, violin Honggang Li, violin Zheng Wang, viola Käthe Jarka, cello

with

Richard Becker, piano

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Quartet-in-Residence

at the

University of Richmond

PROGRAM

Quartet in D Major, K. 575

Allegretto Andante

Menuetto: Allegretto

Allegretto

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Italian Serenade

Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)

INTERMISSION

Piano Quintet in F Minor, op. 34

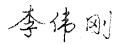
Allegro non troppo Andante, un poco Adagio

Scherzo: Allegro

Finale: Poco sostenuto - Allegro non troppo

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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Weigang Li

Weigang Li began violin studies with his father Ke-Qiang Li at the age of five. He attended the Music Middle School at the Shanghai Conservatory, and graduated from the Conservatory in 1985. In 1981 he studied with Isadore Tinkleman at the San Francisco Conservatory through an exchange program between the sister cities of San Francisco and Shanghai. He has been a soloist with the Shanghai Conservatory Orchestra, the Shanghai Symphony and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. In 1982 he was invited to perform with the BBC Scottish Orchestra, a concert which was recorded for broadcast. Mr. Li was featured in the film From Mao to Mozart with Isaac Stern.



Honggang Li

Honggang Li began his violin studies at the same time as his brother. When the Beijing Conservatory reopened in 1977 after the Cultural Revolution, Mr. Li was selected from a group of over five hundred applicants. He continued his training at the Shanghai Conservatory and remained there as a teaching assistant after his graduation in 1985. His teachers were Ke-Qiang Li and Li-Na Yu. Mr. Li has appeared as a soloist with the Shanghai Philharmonic and the Shanghai Conservatory Orchestra.

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Zheng Wang

Violist Zheng Wang was born in Shanghai in 1960, the son of professional musicians. He began violin studies with his mother at the age of ten, and changed to viola at the age of sixteen. He graduated from the Shanghai Conservatory as a student of Xi-Di Shen. Mr. Wang has been a soloist with the Shanghai Conservatory Orchestra. After coming to the United States, he studied with Richard Young of Northern Illinois University, and has been a guest artist with the Juilliard String Quartet at the Library of Congress.

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Käthe Jarka

The newest member of the quartet is cellist Käthe Jarka. A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, she was a scholarship student of Leonard Rose and Channing Robbins. She continued her studies with Raya Garbousova and William Pleeth as a Fulbright Scholar in London. Born in Montana in 1961, Ms. Jarka has participated in numerous music festivals both as a student and as a faculty member, including the Marlboro Music Festival in 1985.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The Department of Music at the University of Richmond offers both the Bachelor of Arts degree for those who want to major in music as part of a liberal arts curriculum and a Bachelor of Music degree for those wanting a more specialized major. Full-time faculty members are:

Suzanne Bunting, professor and chairman. BA University of Richmond; MM University of Michigan. Applied organ and accompanying program.

James Erb, professor. BA Colorado College; Teaching Certificate in Voice, Vienna State Academy of Music; MM Indiana University; AM, PhD Harvard University. Director, University Choir and Schola Cantorum.

Gene Anderson, associate professor. BA Luther College; MA, PhD University of Iowa. Director, University Wind Ensemble and Pep Band. Music theory.

Homer Rudolf, associate professor. BA Jamestown College; MA University of Southern California at Los Angeles; PhD University of Illinois (Urbana). History of music.

Richard Becker, assistant professor. BM and Performer's Certificate, Eastman School of Music; MM Boston University. Applied piano program. Recitalist-composer.

Fred Cohen, assistant professor. BA University of California at Santa Cruz; MFA, DFA Cornell University. Director, University Orchestra. Composition, music theory.

Michael Davison, assistant professor. BME Eastman School of Music; MST University of Wisconsin (Whitewater); DMA University of Wisconsin (Madison). Director, University Jazz Ensemble. Applied trumpet.

Catharine Pendleton Kirby, assistant professor. MB Women's College of the University of North Carolina; voice study with Jean Sanders, Earl Berg, Raymond McDermitt, Cornelius Reid, Frederick Wilkerson; coaching with Wyatt Insko, Martin Katz, Pierre Bernac, Suzanne Chereau. Applied voice.

Faculty for additional applied music lessons are employed from the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and the city.

The Shanghai Quartet is Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Richmond.

THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

The University of Richmond is considered by many to be one of the finest small private universities in the country, shown by its consistent rankings in the U.S. News & World Report ratings of the best colleges and universities in America. Primarily a teaching institution, the University continues to emphasize small classes and quality education.

The 350-acre campus, located since 1914 six miles west of the heart of Richmond, includes a 10-acre lake, lawns and woodlands. The original buildings were designed by Ralph Cram of Boston in the Collegiate Gothic architectural style; new buildings have followed this style, resulting in a harmonious setting for study.

