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# UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

# **Department of Music**

January 17, 1986 North Court Recital Hall 8:15 PM

#### AUDUBON QUARTET

David Ehrlich, violin Doris Lederer Horwitz, viola David Salness, violin Thomas Shaw, cello

Quartet-in-Residence Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Quartet in F, Op. 18, no. 1

L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Allegro con brio

Adagio affettuso ed appassionato

Scherzo: Allegro molto

Allegro

Quartet No. 1, Op. 7

B. Bartok (1881-1945)

I. Lento

II. Allegretto; Introduzione: Allegro

III. Allegro vivace

## \*\*\*\*INTERMISSION\*\*\*\*

Quartet in E Minor, Op. 44, no. 2

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Allegro assai appassionato

Scherzo: Allegro di molto

Andante

Presto agitato

Ushers are members of the University Lake Society

NEXT: Guest Artists: Western Brass Ensemble

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February 5, 1986

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### Biography

When the AUDUBON QUARTET appeared on the nationally televised show, "Sunday Morning," on CBS, they were chosen because they represent the very best this country has to offer in chamber music.

They are vital, exciting and musically acclaimed in the United States and abroad. The quartet made its mark on the international music world by winning three world-wide competitions in the span of three years. They were awarded first prize at the International String Quartet Competition at the Festival Villa-Lobos; in May, 1979, they won yet another top prize in the Portsmouth International String Competition held in England where Yehundi Menuhin headed the jury; and they won the Schroder Life Prize.

Each season the quartet tours throughout Europe and the United States, appearing on the most prestigious chamber music series. In the summer of 1980, they were invited to adjudicate the International 'Cello Competition in Brazil. In the 1981-82 season they received an invitation to tour and conduct a residency in the People's Republic of China—the First American quartet in fifteen years to be so honored.

Another of the many honors which the quartet has received was an invitation to perform at the White House for former President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Their CBS television appearance showed the group as they rehearsed, discussed their work, and performed, and it examined their life styles. As the CBS music critic said, "Their beautiful music-making leaves little doubt that this talented group is going right to the top--they will be stars." When the Audubon closed the 1981 season of the Chamber Music Series in Oklahoma, the reviewer said the quartet played "with vigor and elan and clearly placed itself in the forefront of the new generation of quartets." The Audubon Quartet has been privileged to perform many world premieres including Peter Schickele's American Dreams and the premiere of Ezra Laderman's Quartet No. 6 "The Audubon."