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Telegraph Quartet Makes Lincoln Center Debut as part of Great Performers series

“Powerfully adept...with a combination of brilliance and subtlety” – *San Francisco Chronicle*



Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:30pm | FREE Admission

David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center | Broadway between 62nd & 63rd St. | NYC

Information: www.lincolncenter.org/great-performers/show/telegraph-quartet

Telegraph Quartet: www.telegraphquartet.com

Watch the Telegraph perform Haydn: <https://youtu.be/05HqrPjiGnk>

Watch the Telegraph perform Britten: <https://youtu.be/0-LMurt2Cgw>

New York, NY – On **Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:30pm**, the San Francisco-based **Telegraph Quartet** (Eric Chin and Joseph Maile, violins; Pei-Ling Lin, viola; Jeremiah Shaw, cello), winner of the 2016 Naumburg Chamber Music Award, makes its **Lincoln Center debut** as part of the **Great Performers** series at **Lincoln Center’s David Rubenstein Atrium** (Broadway between 62nd and 63rd Streets). For this free, hour-long program, the Telegraph pairs Haydn’s final quartet, the nobly optimistic String Quartet in F Major (“Lobkowitz”), with Britten’s vast and monumental String Quartet No. 2.

The Telegraph Quartet formed in 2013 with an equal passion for the standard chamber music repertoire and contemporary, non-standard works alike. Described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as “an incredibly valuable addition to the cultural landscape,” and praised for performing with, “soulfulness, tonal beauty and intelligent attention to detail,” the Telegraph Quartet was awarded the prestigious 2016 Walter W. Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the Grand Prize at the 2014 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. The Quartet has performed in concert halls, music festivals, and academic institutions across the United States and abroad, including New York City’s Carnegie Hall, San Francisco’s Herbst Theatre, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music’s *Chamber Masters Series*, and at festivals including the Chautauqua Institute, Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival, and the Emilia Romagna Festival. The Quartet is currently on the chamber music faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as the Quartet-in-Residence.

Notable collaborations include projects with pianists Leon Fleisher and Simone Dinnerstein; cellists Norman Fischer and Bonnie Hampton; violinist Ian Swensen; and the Henschel Quartett. A fervent champion of 20th- and 21st-century repertoire, the Telegraph Quartet has premiered works by John Harbison, Robert Sirota, and Richard Festinger.

In 2018 the Quartet released its debut album, *Into the Light*, featuring works by Anton Webern, Benjamin Britten, and Leon Kirchner on the Centaur label. *The San Francisco Chronicle* praised the album, saying, "Just five years after forming, the Bay Area's Telegraph Quartet has established itself as an ensemble of serious depth and versatility, and the group's terrific debut recording only serves to reinforce that judgment." *AllMusic* acclaimed, "An impressive beginning for an adventurous group, this 2018 release puts the Telegraph Quartet on the map."

Beyond the concert stage, the Telegraph Quartet seeks to spread its music through education and audience engagement. The Quartet has given master classes at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Collegiate and Pre-College Divisions, through the Morrison Artist Series at San Francisco State University, and abroad at the Taipei National University of the Arts, National Taiwan Normal University, and in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

In addition to this performance, highlights of the Telegraph Quartet's 2019-20 season include a concert with acclaimed composer-vocalist Theo Bleckmann at San Francisco Performances, and performances at Gretna Music, Friends of Chamber Music, Morris Museum, Mill Valley Chamber Music Society, Chamber Music Houston, Chamber Music Society of Utica, Rossmoor Chamber Music Society, Music at Oakmont, Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech, and Chamber Music San Francisco. For more information, visit www.telegraphquartet.com.