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**Telegraph Quartet Performs Music by Britten and Mendelssohn
Presented by the Chamber Music Society of Utica**



**Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 2:30pm
Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute
310 Genesee Street | Utica, NY**

**Tickets available at the door:
General \$25.00 | Student with ID \$10.00 | Children and Teens under 18 FREE
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Utica, NY – On **Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 2:30pm**, 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 debut with **Chamber Music Society of Utica** for a performance at the **Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute** (310 Genesee Street). The quartet’s program includes works by **Benjamin Britten** and **Felix Mendelssohn**.

The concert opens with Britten’s *Three Divertimenti*, youthful character pieces from 1933, followed by a more mature work – his vast and monumental String Quartet No. 2 (1945), seasoned by his return to war-torn Britain. The bravado of Mendelssohn’s String Quartet in D Major, Op. 44 No. 1 (1838) concludes the program.

Britten’s *Three Divertimenti* are on the Telegraph’s debut album, *Into the Light* (Centaur), along with works by Anton Webern and Leon Kirchner. *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."

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 "powerfully adept... with a combination of brilliance and subtlety," 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.

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.

Highlights of Telegraph Quartet's 2019-20 season include the group's debut on the Lincoln Center Great Performers series, 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.

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