GUEST CONCERT
EUCLID QUARTET

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014
7:30 pm
in the BJ Haan Auditorium
on the campus of Dordt College

Christopher Stanichar
Principal Conductor
Dear NISO friends,

Welcome to our Guest Concert of the 2013-14 season! We are delighted to host the Euclid Quartet, presenting music unique to a smaller chamber ensemble.

The NISO Season is fast coming to a close with the spring April 15th concert as our finale. Don’t forget that the spring concert includes our Visual Arts Auction, presentation of the 2014-15 season, and the opportunity to purchase season tickets at a reduced price.

The NISO Board of Directors cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming support of the Celebrity Conductor Contest. Some $9,000 was raised in that one event! In addition, a large audience experienced a fabulously entertaining Pops Concert.

Enjoy the Euclid Quartet – and please don’t forget truffles and coffee at intermission.

Musically yours,
Norma Snyder Jones
NISO Board Chairperson
THE NORTHWEST IOWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Euclid Quartet
Jameson Cooper, violin
Jacob Murphy, violin
Luis Enrique Vargas, viola
Si-Yan Darren Li, cello

1 March 2014

MARSALIS selections from *At the Octoroon Balls*
Creole Contradanzas
Mating Calls and Delta Rhythms
Rampart St. Row House Rag

IVES String Quartet No. 1
I. Andante con moto
II. Allegro
III. Adagio cantabile
IV. Allegro marziale

*Intermission*

DVORÁK String Quartet No. 12
in F Major, Op. 96, “American”
I. Allegro, ma non troppo
II. Lento
III. Molto vivace
IV. Finale: Vivace, ma non troppo

Please Note:
Flash photography and the use of recording devices is prohibited during NISO concerts.
Please disable all cell phones and pagers.
EUCLID QUARTET is one of the most well-regarded chamber ensembles of its generation, known for performances filled with passion, virtuosity, and sensitivity. Celebrating its 15th anniversary this season, the members are a multinational mix representing four continents of the world: violinist Jameson Cooper (Great Britain), violinist Jacob Murphy (United States), violist Luis Enrique Vargas (Venezuela), and cellist Si-Yan Darren Li (China).

The quartet earned significant international recognition as the first American string quartet to be awarded a top prize at the prestigious Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. Prior to its victory in Japan, the quartet also won awards in numerous competitions in the U.S., including the Hugo Kauder International Competition for String Quartets and The Carmel Chamber Music Competition, as well as the Chamber Music Yellow Springs Competition. In 2009, the Euclid Quartet was awarded the esteemed "American Masterpieces" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Formed in Ohio in 1998, the Euclid Quartet took its name from the famous Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, home to a wealth of artistic and cultural institutions. Since 2007, the Euclid Quartet has held the prestigious string quartet residency at Indiana University South Bend, where its members teach private lessons and coach chamber music.

The quartet’s most recent CD set, on Artem Records, features the complete string quartets of Béla Bartók. American Record Guide raved about these discs: "rarely has a group found such meaning and vision." Their debut CD, on Centaur Records, features the first four quartets of Hugo Kauder, a refugee from Nazi-occupied Austria who fled to the United States in the 1940s.

Find out more about the Quartet on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter, and at www.euclidquartet.com.

CHRISTOPHER STANICHAR is the Principal Conductor of the Northwest Iowa Symphony, an ensemble of some of the finest musicians in northwest Iowa and southeast South Dakota. Stanichar was appointed to this position in 2011, following a number of guest appearances. Stanichar has continued NISO’s tradition of artistic excellence, innovative programming, and collaborations with guest artists from the region and beyond. Stanichar leads NISO in three concerts per season, in addition to the annual Concert for Children given each November for over 900 area 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. He has been praised for “his obvious energy, great joy directing, and outright enthusiasm.” (Peter Wagner, Northwest Iowa Review).

In addition to his position with Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Stanichar is Associate Professor and Director of Orchestras at Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD), where he conducts the Augustana Orchestra and the Augustana College and Community Orchestra. He also conducts the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra in Minnesota.

Stanichar has conducted professional orchestras in Europe, Russia, Mexico, and the United States, including the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (Russia), Sochi Symphony Orchestra (Russia), Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil del Estado de Veracruze (Mexico), and many orchestras in the United States.

Stanichar earned his Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he was a student of Gerard Samuel. In 1996 he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study conducting in Slovakia, where he was mentored by maestros Jesús López-Cobos and Erich Kunzel.

Stanichar is an active composer; his works have been commissioned and performed throughout the world. His Trisagion was used in the Ric Burns’ PBS documentary, Andy Warhol. More recent projects include a full-length cantata, St. Mark Passion, written as part of a Granskou grant for the 150th anniversary of Augustana College. His Variations on a Theme by Handel for string orchestra is featured in the independent film, Dust of War. TrevCo-Verner Music has published several of his works for English horn.

Stanichar enjoys making music with his wife, Kristi: they are blessed with four children, all of whom are active in music.

THE NORTHWEST IOWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA comprises the finest musicians in the tri-state area. Teaching principals are of a professional caliber and function as first chair players and teachers in sectional rehearsals. The orchestra’s 80 members include adults of all ages as well as gifted music students ranging in age from high school through college. Four of these students are recipients of scholarships from Friends of the Symphony for the purpose of continuing their private music instruction. NISO presents three concerts each season in addition to the annual Concert for Children, which is given each November for 900 area 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
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