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Arkansas Symphony Rockefeller and Quapaw String Quartets Present
"The Art of the String Quartet" at Clinton Presidential Center

Little Rock, ARK, Feb. 7, 2019 - The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Philip Mann, Music Director and Conductor, presents the fourth concert of the 2018-2019 River Rhapsodies Chamber Music season with *The Art of the String Quartet*, Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton Presidential Center. ASO's resident string quartets, Rockefeller String Quartet and Quapaw String Quartet, will perform Janáček's "Kreutzer Sonata," Mozart's String Quartet No. 12, along with Puccini and Verdi's string quartets.

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra's Quapaw String Quartet was founded in 1980 as the ASO resident string quartet. Responding to what was clearly a statewide need, the ASO and Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation began a partnership in 2000 to form the Rockefeller String Quartet. The quartets have developed a reputation for providing quality school programming, as well as performing statewide as a chamber ensemble and with the Arkansas Symphony. The quartets' primary responsibilities include string education and outreach throughout the state reaching more than 26,000 Arkansas school children each year.

River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Concerts are held in the intimate setting of the Clinton Presidential Center's Great Hall. A cash bar is open before the concert and at intermission, and patrons are invited to carry drinks into the concert. The Media Sponsor for the River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series is UA Little Rock Public Radio.

General Admission tickets are \$23; active duty military and student tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.ArkansasSymphony.org; at the Clinton Presidential Center beginning 60 minutes prior to a concert; or by phone at 501-666-1761, ext. 1.

Artists

Quapaw String Quartet

Meredith Maddox Hicks, violin
Charlotte Crosmer, violin
Ryan Mooney, viola
David Gerstein, cello

Rockefeller String Quartet

Trisha McGovern Freeney, violin
Katherine Williamson, violin
Katherine Reynolds, viola
Ethan Young, cello

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Program

MOZART	String Quartet No. 12 in B-flat Major, K. 172 (Rockefeller)
JANÁČEK	String Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata" (Quapaw)
PUCCINI	String Quartet in D Major (Quapaw)
VERDI	String Quartet (Rockefeller)

About Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 53rd full season in 2018-2019, under the leadership of Music Director Philip Mann. ASO is the resident orchestra of Robinson Center Music Hall, to which the ASO returned in November of 2016 after a two-year renovation of the historic structure. ASO performs more than sixty concerts each year for more than 165,000 people through its Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks Series, ACXIOM Pops LIVE! Series, River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series, Intimate Neighborhood Concerts, and numerous concerts performed around the state of Arkansas, in addition to serving central Arkansas through community outreach programs and bringing live symphonic music education to over 26,000 school children and over 200 schools. ASO is a member of the League of American Orchestras.

For more information about the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra call 501-666-1761 or visit www.ArkansasSymphony.org

Program notes, artist bios and high resolution headshots available upon request.

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