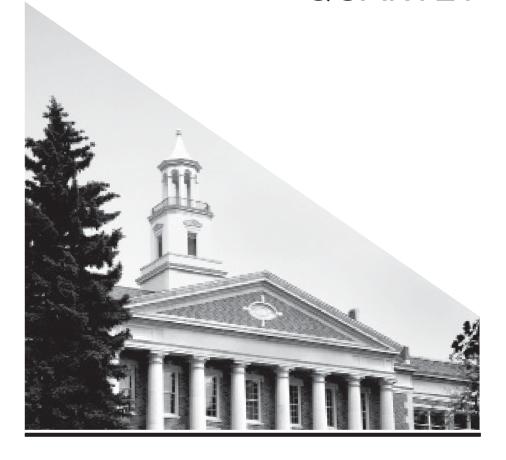
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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

String Quartet in D Major, Op. 50 No. 6 "The Frog" / JOSEPH HAYDN (1732-1809)

I. Allegro

II. Poco Adagio

III. Menuetto: Allegretto

IV. Presto

String Quartet in F minor, Op.95 No. 11 "Serioso" / LUDWIG van BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)

I. Allegro con brio

II. Allegretto ma non troppo

III. Allegro assai vivace ma serioso

IV. Lerghetto espressivo - Allegro agitato

Violins Dmitri Ascarrunz ∼ Nancy Hernandez

> Viola Carly Dekker

Cello Faith Rohde

PROGRAM NOTES

Haydn's Op.50 quartets were nicknamed the Prussian Quartets as a dedication to the Kind Of Prussia, Friedrich Wilhelm II. The King was an amateur cellist and great advocate and patron of music. This quartet got its nickname "The Frog" because, in the last movement, it calls for a technique called bariolage where the musician plays the same note simultaneously on two different strings. This quartet displays Haydn's composition style with dramatic pauses and upbeat, light-hearted characters. The first movement displays contrapuntal and chromatic lines and unresolved cadences that add instability. The second movement is based on a siciliano-style. This D minor movement may start dark and mournful, but Haydn turns it around and ends this movement in D major. The third movement is lively and humorous with over the top pauses and fast motives.

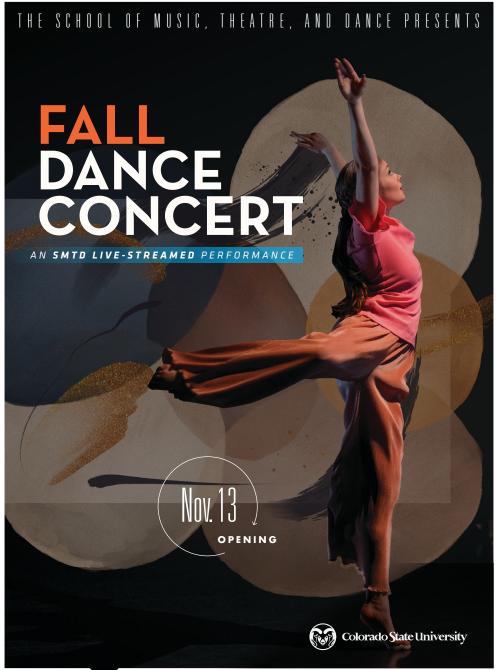
Beethovens F minor quartet is the last of his middle quartets. This is the only quartet where Beethoven adds a descriptive title "serioso". The name comes from the third movement; Allegro assai vivace ma serioso. This quartet displays stark juxtapositions, fugal writing, and unusual pacing and forms. The first movement opens up with a dramatic unison, contrasting with sweet, melodic lines. The second movement contains melancholic lines that transform into a dramatic fugue. There is no break between the second and third movement, adding suspense and drama. The third movement moves between quick, rhythmic outbursts to long, soaring melodies. A slow introduction leads us into the last movement. A lilting dance carries us into an uplifting, light-hearted coda, concluding the piece on a happy note.

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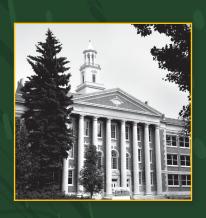
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