

UNCSA

REYNOLDA QUARTET

Apr. 2 at 3 p.m.

REYNOLDA HOUSE
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Ida Bieler
VIOLIN

Janet Orenstein
VIOLIN

Scott Rawls
VIOLA

Brooks Whitehouse
CELLO

PRESENTED BY
UNCSA

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CHANCELLOR

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC, DEAN

Reynolda House Museum of American Art

**REYNOLDA QUARTET: SEASONED PRODIGIES
MUSIC OF MOZART AND MENDELSSOHN**

String Quartet in A Major, K. 464 (1785).....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Allegro
Menuetto and Trio
Andante
Allegro non troppo

String Quartet in F Minor, Op. 80 (1847) Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Allegro vivace assai
Allegro assai
Adagio
Finale: Allegro molto

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IDA BIELER

Described by Fanfare Magazine as “a specialist in everything, from Bach to new-music premieres...” violinist Ida Bieler is renowned as a musician of extraordinary scope. A winner of prestigious competitions on three continents, she has enjoyed an exceptional solo, collaborative and recording career worldwide and is one of the most sought-after teachers of her generation.

Bieler has performed the canon of major violin concertos with over forty orchestras on four continents, including the premiere of Penderecki’s second violin concerto under the direction of the composer. Her groundbreaking achievement as the first American woman appointed concertmaster of a major European orchestra, the “Gürzenich Orchestra” in Cologne, led to a major ensemble career in Germany’s legendary Melos String Quartet and the acclaimed Xyrion Piano Trio.

Over the course of a celebrated performing career spanning more than thirty years she has also produced an impressive catalogue of solo and chamber recordings with such labels as Naxos, MDG, Harmonia Mundi Musique, Coviello and Genuin. Awards and prizes have included the Cannes “Classical” award, the Echo “Klassik,” Fono Forum’s “Stern des Monats,” and Strad’s “Chamber Music Selection.”

Bieler has performed and been a frequent guest artist in major international festivals, including the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival, the Beethovenfest Bonn, the Music Academy of the West and the Ravinia and Marlboro festivals. One of today’s preeminent pedagogues, Bieler has held full professorships in Germany, England, Austria and the United States, and she leads annual masterclasses worldwide. Bieler’s outstanding students are international prize laureates, thriving chamber musicians and winners of positions in major orchestras. Since 2013 she has been artist-teacher of violin at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA).

JANET ORENSTEIN

Violinist Janet Orenstein has enjoyed an active performing career as soloist, chamber musician and advocate of contemporary music. A two-time winner of the USIA Artistic Ambassador Competition and founding member of the Guild Trio, with whom she played for over ten years, Orenstein has toured throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and Australia. Her trio’s groundbreaking interdisciplinary residency at SUNY Stony Brook Medical School was the first of its kind in the United States and was awarded a residency grant by Chamber Music America. The trio also held residencies at the Guild Hall in East Hampton, NY, the University of Virginia and The

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Tanglewood Music Center, and it was frequently featured on National Public Radio's "Performance Today." She has recorded for the CRI, Centaur and Innova labels. In addition, she has taught at major universities including UVA, Wake Forest University and now UNCSA.

Upon returning from a long solo tour at age 32, Orenstein contracted focal dystonia, which made it nearly impossible for her to coordinate left-hand finger patterns. After 17 years she gave her first solo recital in 2013, having worked continuously during those years to recover coordinated movement. Around this time she became interested in yoga and has been an avid practitioner ever since. In 2024, she will complete her 1000-hour training in yoga therapy and will be offering a pilot course in yoga therapeutics as part of the wellness program here at UNCSA. She currently collaborates with her UNCSA colleagues as a founding member of the Reynolda Quartet.

SCOTT RAWLS

Violist Scott Rawls has appeared as soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Europe. Recent chamber music endeavors include performances with Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Paul Rosenthal, Andrés Díaz, and Sergey Antonov. With the Nikkanen/Rawls/Bailey string trio, he has played tours in Alaska, Washington, Arizona and Texas. His solo and chamber music recordings can be heard on the Centaur, CRI, Nonesuch, Capstone and Philips labels.

A strong proponent of new music, Rawls has premiered dozens of new works by prominent composers. Most notable, he has toured extensively as a member of Steve Reich and Musicians. As the violist in this ensemble, he performed the numerous premieres of "Daniel Variations," "The Cave" and "Three Tales" by Steve Reich and Beryl Korot, videographer. Under the auspices of presenting organizations such as the Wiener Festwochen, Festival d'Automne a Paris, Holland Festival, Berlin Festival, Spoleto Festival USA and the Lincoln Center Festival, he has performed in major music centers around the world including London, Vienna, Rome, Milan, Tokyo, Prague, Amsterdam, Brussels, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Under the baton of maestro Dmitry Sitkovetsky, he plays principal viola in the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra. During the summer season, Rawls plays principal in the festival orchestra at Brevard Music Center where he also coordinates the viola program. He was also recently appointed principal viola of the Palm Beach Opera orchestra, David Stern artistic director.

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Rawls currently serves as professor of viola and chamber music at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He holds a Bachelor of Music from Indiana University and a M.M. and D.M.A from State University of New York at Stony Brook. His major mentors include Abraham Skernick, Georges Janzer, John Graham and Julius Levine.

BROOKS WHITEHOUSE

UNCSA cello professor Brooks Whitehouse has performed and taught throughout the United States and abroad. As a member of the Guild Trio with his wife Janet Orenstein, Whitehouse won USIA Artistic Ambassador and Chamber Music Yellow Springs competitions, and he has toured extensively in the United States, Europe, Canada and Australia. He is also the co-creator with Paul Sharpe of the popular cello/bass duo Low & Lower. In addition to their appearances at universities and festivals around the country, Low & Lower has performed live radio broadcasts on "Drive Time Live" (WGBH in Boston) and "The State of Things with Frank Stasio" (WUNC in Raleigh). The duo has inspired new works by Lawrence Dillon, Joshua Davis, Bruce Tippet, Ching-chu Hu and John Allemeier. The New York Magazine called their recent AMR-Naxos recording of David Feurzeig's "Lingua Franca" "More than just funny ha-ha...theatrical, intimate, nimble, layered, refined, and shot through with startling delights."

As a soloist Whitehouse has appeared with the Boston Pops, the New England Chamber Orchestra and the Nashua, Boise, Winston-Salem, New Brunswick, Billings and Owensboro symphonies. Whitehouse has been a frequent guest with prominent chamber ensembles including the American Chamber Players, the Ciompi Quartet, The Apple Hill Chamber Players, the Garth Newell Piano Quartet and the New Zealand String Quartet. He is currently cellist of the Reynolda Quartet and the Black Mountain Trio and serves as principal cellist of the Winston-Salem Symphony. In the summer Whitehouse teaches and performs at the Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival in Burlington, Vt.

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REYNOLDA HOUSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Set on 170 acres, a trip to Reynolda is full of American art, storied gardens, and rich history. Reynolda House Museum of American Art presents a renowned art collection in an incomparable setting: the original 1917 interiors of Katharine and R.J. Reynolds's 34,000-square-foot home. Experience iconic American art and featured exhibitions, including the powerful *Black Is Beautiful: The Photography of Kwame Brathwaite* currently on view in the Babcock Wing Gallery. Reynolda Gardens serve as a 134-acre horticultural oasis open to the public year-round, complete with Formal Gardens and a waterfall. In Reynolda Village, the estate's buildings are now home to vibrant boutiques, restaurants, shops and services. Plan your visit at reynolda.org and use the free mobile app *Reynolda Revealed* to self-tour the estate.

WATSON

Warp Trio

Apr. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

WATSON HALL

The electrifying Warp Trio performs original compositions in a cross-genre chamber music experience. Featuring UNCSCA alumnus and North Carolina native Mikael Darnanie '09 and a combination of Juilliard-trained members juxtaposed with others steeped in rock and jazz styles, the one-of-a-kind Warp Trio performs in concert halls and rock venues around the world.

A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute: The Rivals

Apr. 19 & 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 23 at 2 p.m.

AGNES DE MILLE THEATRE

"In spirit, 'The Rivals' harks to Rossini and Donizetti; in sound, it weds Puccini's generous lyricism to the dancing meters of Bernstein's 'Candide,'" wrote The New York Times of this opera, praising it for its "buoyant melodies, supple harmonies and perky rhythms." Kirke Mechem's "The Rivals" is a bright and witty comedy full of love, mistaken identities, duels, and misunderstandings in the household of Mrs. Malaprop. In Mechem's libretto, based on an 18th-century comedy by Sheridan, the action moves from the English town of Bath to Newport, Rhode Island, at the beginning of the 20th century.