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Presents

Artemis String Quartet
in their Boston debut performance

on Friday, March 5, at 8pm
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(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present the **Artemis String Quartet** in their Boston debut performance on Friday, March 5 at 8 pm at NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. The quartet will present an all-Beethoven program spanning the composer's early, middle, and late periods.

This is the Artemis String Quartet's **Boston** debut.

The Berlin-based **Artemis String Quartet** was founded by violinist Natalia Prishepenko and cellist Eckart Runge at the Lübeck Musikhochschule in 1989. The quartet first came to international attention when they won First Prize at the ARD Competition in 1996 and soon thereafter First Prize at the Borciani Competition. In 1998 the ensemble spent a year in residence with the Alban Berg Quartet in Vienna, followed by a three month sabbatical at Berlin's Wissenschaftskolleg. Their June 1999 debut at the Berlin Philharmonie marked the formal start of their career, and they have presented a series of acclaimed concerts at the venue since 2004. In addition to their busy schedule of concerts in Europe, the US, Japan, South America and Australia, and numerous appearances at international festivals, the Artemis Quartet is also committed to teaching.

From the outset, the Artemis Quartet has placed a high value on the importance of collaboration. Most recently they toured with Juliane Banse, Truls Mørk and Leif Ove Andsnes. Additionally, intensive study of contemporary music is an important focus within the Quartet's repertoire. Composers such as Mauricio Sotelo (2004), Jörg Widmann (2006), and Thomas Larcher have composed works for the Artemis Quartet.

In recognition of the ensemble's contribution to the interpretation of Beethoven's music, the Verein des Beethoven-Hauses Bonn conferred honorary membership to the Artemis Quartet in 2003. In 2004 the Quartet won the 23rd "Premio Internazionale Accademia Musicale Chigiana" in Siena, Italy.

In July 2007 violinist Gregor Sigl and violist Friedemann Weigle joined the Quartet. Their first tour with the quartet included performances at the Salzburg Festival, the Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg, the Rheingau Musik Festival as well as Septembre Musical Montreux-Vevey.

Recent CD releases include string quartets by Janáček and Dvorák as well as Brahms and Schumann piano quintets with Leif Ove Andsnes. The first recording with the newest members of the ensemble will be a CD of works by Schubert including the Quintet for Two Cellos with Truls Mørk. Their latest CD is

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The Piazzolla Project, an album of Astor Piazzolla's works transcribed for string quartet by Eckart Runge and composer Jacques Ammon.

The program for the March 5 Artemis String Quartet performance is as follows:

Beethoven

String Quartet No. 2 in G Major, Opus 18, No. 2

String Quartet No. 11 in F minor, Opus 95, "Serioso"

String Quartet No. 15 in A minor, Opus 132

TICKETING INFORMATION

Remaining tickets for the Artemis String Quartet are priced at \$53 and \$45, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org, or at the Jordan Hall box office, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance, and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 71st season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls, reaching an audience of some 100,000 each year. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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