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## **HUGO WOLF STRING QUARTET VISITS COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PERFORMANCE AND MASTERCLASS**

Fort Collins, CO – In its first Virtuoso Series concert of the spring “Windows of Inspiration” season, the School of the Arts at Colorado State University welcomes the Hugo Wolf String Quartet, one of the most sought after string quartets of its generation, for a masterclass on Jan. 26 at 3:30 p.m. and a performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Griffin Concert Hall of the University Center for the Arts at 1400 Remington Street. Tickets to the concert are \$15 for the public and \$5 for Colorado State students. Tickets are available from the Campus Box Office in the Lory Student Center, by phone at 970-491-4849, or online at [www.csutix.com](http://www.csutix.com).

The Hugo Wolf String Quartet, made up of Sebastian Gärtler, violin; Régis Bringolf, violin; Gertrud Weinmeister, viola; and Florian Berner, cello, was founded at the Vienna University of Music. Shortly thereafter, the four young musicians won the Fifth International String Quartet Competition in Cremona and took first prize at the 45<sup>th</sup> International G.B. Viotti Chamber Music Competition, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Special Prize, and the European Cultural Award for Chamber Music. For over ten years now, the Hugo Wolf Quartet has appeared on numerous radio and television productions, conducted extensive concert tours, and performed in the world’s most prominent concert halls and renowned festivals.

Critics around the world have praised their talents and rapid development: Der Standard in Vienna called them “New stars in the quartet heaven,” and the Los Angeles Times described them as, “Urgent and impassioned, but with an absolute commitment to the ideal values of every note.”

The name was granted to the quartet by the International Hugo Wolf Society of Vienna. The late Romantic composer Hugo Wolf was situated between the great Viennese music tradition and its

departure into the modern period; his name is thus used as a symbol for a performing repertoire stretching from the Western Classical Period and far beyond the Second Viennese School.

In their concert at Colorado State, the quartet will perform Strauss' "Fledermaus Overture," Schubert's "String Quartet in E-flat Major D 87" and "String Quartet in G Major D 887," Haydn's "String Quartet in D-major op. 20 no.4," Hugo Wolf's "Italian Serenade," and Beethoven's "String Quartet in B-flat Major op.130" and "Grosse Fuge op.133."

The Hugo Wolf String Quartet will also give a masterclass at 3:30 p.m. where the public is invited to observe these renowned musicians perform and provide hands-on instruction to top, select Colorado State students in an open, informal setting.

Concert tickets are currently available for purchase online and will be available by phone and in person when the Campus Box Office reopens on Jan. 14 following the University's Winter Break. Advance purchase is highly recommended, though tickets are also available at the door one hour before performances begin.

For a full performance and event calendar, more information, and to sign up for a free event e-newsletter, visit [www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com](http://www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com).

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