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HUGO WOLF STRING QUARTET CONCERT OFFERS LECTURE AND RECEPTION WITH WORLD RENOWNED MUSICIANS

Fort Collins, CO – The School of the Arts at Colorado State University is proud to bring the world renowned Hugo Wolf String Quartet to Fort Collins on Jan. 26, offering audiences an exceptional evening with one of the most sought after string quartets of its generation. The quartet will give a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m., perform a concert of works by Haydn, Beethoven, and Hugo Wolf at 7:30 p.m., with a Meet the Artists reception following the concert. The event kicks off the Virtuoso Concert Series of the spring “Windows of Inspiration” season, and takes place 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 and youth ages 6 to 17. 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.

Northern Colorado audiences don't want to miss this extraordinary opportunity to see, hear, and meet world class musicians in a venue that has been praised as acoustically one of the best for classical music in the state. The evening begins with a lecture by the quartet, followed by a concert in which they will perform 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." Patrons are invited to meet the musicians, mingle with other guests, and enjoy refreshments in a reception following the concert.

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 45th 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.

The Hugo Wolf String Quartet will also give a masterclass at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 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.

Due to the prominence of the musicians and limited space in the concert hall, advance purchase is highly recommended, though tickets will be sold at the door one hour before the performance if they are still available.

For a full performance and event calendar, more information, and to sign up for a free event e-newsletter, visit www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com.

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