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School of Music

MSM CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

**RUTH WIDDER
STRING QUARTET
COMPETITION**

Winners' Concert

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 | 5 PM
GORDON K. AND HARRIET GREENFIELD HALL

ABOUT THE RUTH WIDDER STRING QUARTET COMPETITION

The Ruth Widder String Quartet Competition, funded by the Widder Foundation in consultation with faculty member Laurie Carney, honors the memory of Ruth Widder, whose lifetime of generosity to Manhattan School of Music, the American String Quartet, and other arts institutions has had a lasting eNect on the cultural life of New York. The competition was created in 2015 to encourage high-level study of the string quartet literature by MSM students, and is open to quartets of current students who have played together for at least two semesters. The two winning quartets, selected by a jury comprising members of the American String Quartet and other MSM chamber music faculty, receive cash prizes and are showcased in the annual winners' concert.

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PROGRAM

LEOŠ JANÁČEK
(1854–1928)

String Quartet No. 1, (“The Kreutzer Sonata”)
First Prize Award Winners

Koshiro Takeuchi, violin
Po Hsuan Chiang, violin
Hayley Lau, viola
Kyle Victor, cello
Coached by Laurie Carney

JOHANNES BRAHMS
(1833–1897)

String Quartet No. 2, Op. 51 no. 2
Secone Prize Award Winners

Am Meer Quartet:
Kayla Yagi Bacon, violin
Riku Korenaga, violin
Harris Panner, viola
Juewen Zhang, cello
Coached by Peter Winograd

Intermission

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
(1770–1827)

String Quartet No. 14, Op. 131
Koshiro Takeuchi, violin
Po Hsuan Chiang, violin
Hayley Lau, viola
Kyle Victor, cello
Coached by Laurie Carney

ABOUT MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Founded as a community music school by Janet Daniels Schenck in 1918, today MSM is recognized for its more than 1,000 superbly talented undergraduate and graduate students who come from more than 50 countries and nearly all 50 states; its innovative curricula and world-renowned artist-teacher faculty that includes musicians from the New York Philharmonic, the Met Orchestra, and the top ranks of the jazz and Broadway communities; and a distinguished community of accomplished, award-winning alumni working at the highest levels of the musical, educational, cultural, and professional worlds.

The School is dedicated to the personal, artistic, and intellectual development of aspiring musicians, from its Precollege students through those pursuing doctoral studies. Offering classical, jazz, and musical theatre training, MSM grants a range of undergraduate and graduate degrees. True to MSM's origins as a music school for children, the Precollege Division is a professionally oriented Saturday music program dedicated to the musical and personal growth of talented young musicians ages 8 to 18. The School also serves some 2,000 New York City schoolchildren through its Arts-in-Education Program, and another 2,000 students through its critically acclaimed Distance Learning Program.

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