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Join the OSFL on Friday, April 26 for an intimate evening of music and wine

Event	Musicians' Choice Chamber Series: "OSFL Principal Strings" concert
Featuring	Quartetto Masuno, the principal strings from the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes
Date/Time	Friday, April 26 at 7:30 PM
Venue	The Park Church, 208 Gray Street, Elmira, NY
Program	Franz Schubert String <i>Quartet No. 14 "Death and the Maiden"</i> and <i>Cello Quintet in C Major</i>
Tickets	Purchase online at OSFL.org or by calling (607) 936-2873

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 21, 2024 (Corning, NY): The fourth concert in the OSFL Musicians' Choice Chamber Series "OSFL Principal Strings" will be performed by Quartetto Masuno—five principal musicians from the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes. Hosted at the Park Church located at 208 Gray Street in Elmira, NY on **Friday, April 26 at 7:30 PM**, a pre-concert reception includes wine tasting by Lakewood Vineyards for early arrivers.

Led by OSFL Concertmaster Augusto Diemecke, Quartetto Masuno signifies "quartet plus one" coming together as a whole in unity. The epitome of string quartet/quintet experience is to play together as one. The audience will witness that effect as the group performs two iconic chamber music pieces by Franz Schubert. Along with Concertmaster Diemecke, this stellar lineup of virtuosic musicians from the OSFL includes Assistant Concertmaster Debrah Devine, Assistant Principal Viola Joanne Lowe, Principal Cello Christine Lowe-Diemecke, and Assistant Principal Cello S. Shade Zajac. Together, they will breathe life into two timeless masterpieces by Franz Schubert, immersing audiences in the rich tapestry of the chamber music tradition.

Audiences will be captivated by Schubert's iconic String Quartet No. 14, famously known as "Death and the Maiden," a cornerstone of the chamber music repertoire revered for its emotional depth and evocative, haunting melodies.

Additionally, the ensemble will showcase Schubert's majestic Cello Quintet in C Major, a crowning achievement of the composer's illustrious but all too short career, ushering in the early romantic era. With its rich harmonies and emotive melodies, this quintet (composed for two violins, viola, and two cellos), promises to take listeners on a journey of profound emotional depth mixed with artistic expression.

Lakewood Vineyards Complimentary Tasting

But the experience is not only a treat for the ears. Beginning at 6:30, concertgoers are invited to indulge their senses and savor the flavors of the region with a pre-concert wine tasting by Lakewood Vineyards. Set the stage for a delightful evening of cultural enrichment and musical immersion at the historical Park Church.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience the transformative power of live chamber music where passion, precision, and unparalleled artistry unite to create an unforgettable evening of chamber music. Secure your tickets now and join us at The Park Church on April 26th.

Following the tradition of the Musicians' Choice Chamber Music Series, oral program notes will be given by the musicians interspersed throughout the performance. The short format program (approximately 75 minutes) is presented in an intimate, relaxed setting without intermission. Tickets are available now. Visit OSFL.org to reserve your seats and be part of this extraordinary musical treat right here in this community.

Ticket Information

Single tickets for the April 26th concert are **\$40** for adults, **\$20** for students with ID, and **FREE** for children under age 18. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10% discount. Concert seating is general admission. Purchase tickets in advance at OSFL.org, 607-936-2873, or in person at the OSFL office, 49 Bridge Street, Corning, NY. Ticket sales at the door will be available until sold out.

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ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

The OSFL offers four regular season full orchestra concerts, a Musicians' Choice Chamber Music Series, concerts by the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, concerts by the Youth Orchestra, and educational concerts for children. Under the guidance of distinguished Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada, the OSFL is a strong supporter of highlighting the musical achievements of young musicians with its own youth ensemble program, a side-by-side youth and professional musician collaboration, and the Hertzog Concerto & Aria Competition for young artists in grades 9 through 12. The OSFL collaborates with regional cultural partners, artists, and like-minded organizations to advance our mutual artistic growth in the greater Elmira-Corning area.

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