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Chamber Music Concerts Presents the Ariel Quartet

Chamber Music Concerts presents the **Ariel Quartet** on Saturday, March 8th at 3pm at the Southern Oregon University Music Recital Hall, 450 S Mountain Ave, Ashland, OR. The program features Felix Mendelssohn's String Quartet in F Minor, Op. 80; Lera Auerbach's String Quartet no. 3 "Cetera Desunt"; and Benjamin Britten's String Quartet no. 2 in C Major, Op. 36. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for SOU employees. To purchase tickets and see program details, visit ChamberMusicConcerts.org or call 541-552-6154.

In a disappointing twist, the Marmen Quartet, which was originally scheduled to perform on March 8, is unable to enter the U.S. in time for the concert due to visa issues. However, the Ariel Quartet was miraculously available to perform in the Marmen's stead, and the audience is in for a treat! Distinguished by its virtuosity, probing musical insight, and impassioned, fiery performances, the Ariel Quartet has garnered critical praise worldwide for more than a quarter of a century. Formed when the members were just teenagers, the Ariel was recently named recipient of the prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award granted by Chamber Music America. In addition to maintaining a busy international touring schedule, the Quartet serves as the Faculty Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. The Ariel has performed at leading venues across the globe, including Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and the Kaisersaal in Frankfurt.



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This season, the Ariel Quartet presents performances for University Musical Society, Newport Classical, Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Chamber Music Columbus, Friends of Chamber Music-Vancouver, University of Iowa, and Chamber Music Society Williamsburg. A tour of Northern Italy and Germany has them scheduled to appear for the Klangwelt Klassik Series and in Munich's famous castle, Schloss Nymphenburg.