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**2025/2026
SEASON**

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PACIFICA QUARTET COLORADO CHILDREN'S CHORALE

SUN, SEP 7, 2025 | 4:00 PM
Chamber Series | Sunday Series

CALIDORE QUARTET SHARON ISBIN, *GIUITAR*

MON, OCT 13, 2025 | 7:30 PM
Chamber Series

TAFELMUSIK BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

SUN, NOV 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM
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STEFAN JACKIW, *VIOLIN* KEVIN AHFAT, *PIANO*

WED, DEC 3, 2025 | 7:30 PM
Chamber Series

PAUL LEWIS, *PIANO*

SUN, JAN 11, 2026 | 4:00 PM
Piano Series | Sunday Series

ZLATA CHOCHIEVA, *PIANO*

THU, FEB 5, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Piano Series

BRENTANO QUARTET

MON, APR 6, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Chamber Series

JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET, *PIANO*

THU, MAY 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Piano Series

FRIENDS IN NEW PLACES SAME WORLD-CLASS MUSIC

Tickets sold separately

OWLS

SUN, MAR 1, 2026 | 4:00 PM
Lakewood Cultural Center

LE CONSORT

THU, MAR 19, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Augustana Lutheran Church
Co-presented with Augustana Arts

Cover: Le Consort
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends of Chamber Music is thrilled to unveil the 2025-26 season, brimming with world-class musicians, exciting debuts, and fresh new initiatives!

Kicking off the season is a spectacular collaboration between the *Pacifica Quartet*—a multiple GRAMMY-winning ensemble and audience favorite—and the *Colorado Children's Chorale*, setting the stage for an inspiring year of music.

Returning by Popular Demand

- Our popular *Piano Series*, featuring *Jean-Yves Thibaudet* and *Paul Lewis*, two of the most celebrated pianists of our time, as well as rising star *Zlata Chochieva*
- The *Brentano Quartet*, making a long-awaited return after a decade away from our series
- *Tafelmusik*, an award-winning champion of Baroque music
- The *Calidore Quartet*, joined by legendary guitarist *Sharon Isbin*
- Violinist *Stefan Jackiw*, returning to our stage with pianist *Kevin Ahfat*

Friends in New Places

We are excited to present two wonderful ensembles in two new venues. Watch for exclusive subscriber discounts for these two concerts:

- *Owls*, an innovative and genre-defying string quartet, performing at the Lakewood Cultural Center
- *Le Consort*, a dynamic ensemble breathing new life into Baroque music, taking the stage at Augustana Lutheran Church in partnership with Augustana Arts

Flexible and Accessible Concert Options

These are tumultuous times for the performing arts, with many organizations facing uncertain funding. Friends of Chamber Music remains committed to making chamber music more accessible than ever. Our flexible season offerings include:

- A Sunday afternoon series
- The return of the Piano Series
- Affordable ticket packages, easy exchanges, and livestreaming options for our valued subscribers

With your support, Friends of Chamber Music will continue to thrive—presenting extraordinary music that brings our community together. We can't wait to see you in the hall for another unforgettable season!

Warmly,



Eli Wald

President, Friends of Chamber Music



CHAMBER SERIES / SUNDAY SERIES



SEP
7

SUNDAY
2025
4:00 PM

PACIFICA QUARTET
COLORADO CHILDREN'S CHORALE

With a career spanning nearly three decades, the GRAMMY-winning Pacifica Quartet is an FCM audience favorite, known for its virtuosity, exuberant performance style, and adventurous programming. In an exciting new partnership, the Colorado Children's Chorale will join the quartet for the world premiere of *Pitch In* by James Lee III.

The Pacifica Quartet is "...nothing short of phenomenal..."
—The Telegraph

CHAMBER SERIES



OCT
13

MONDAY
2025
7:30 PM

CALIDORE QUARTET
SHARON ISBIN, GUITAR

Since its founding in 2010, the Calidore Quartet has risen to prominence as one of the world's foremost interpreters of an expansive chamber music repertoire, from Beethoven and Mendelssohn to today's most celebrated composers. In this special collaboration, multiple GRAMMY-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin joins the ensemble for a unique evening featuring works by Haydn, Dvořák, Vivaldi, and Boccherini.

The Calidore Quartet has "...deep reserves of virtuosity and irrepressible dramatic instinct."
—The New York Times

CHAMBER SERIES / SUNDAY SERIES



NOV
9
SUNDAY
2025
4:00 PM

TAFELMUSIK BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

As one of the world's premier period ensembles, Tafelmusik has set the standard for historically informed performance and earned international acclaim as Canada's most toured orchestra. With a deep reverence for the baroque and classical traditions, this celebrated ensemble brings centuries-old music to life.

*"There's determined beauty to their sweetly rich,
gently vibrating sound ... precision and poetry
come wonderfully together."*
—Gramophone

CHAMBER SERIES



DEC
3
WEDNESDAY
2025
7:30 PM

STEFAN JACKIW, VIOLIN KEVIN AHFAT, PIANO

Returning to FCM for a third appearance, violinist Stefan Jackiw captivates audiences with his poetic expression and impeccable technique. He joins Canadian pianist Kevin Ahfat for a dynamic program that features music by Handel, Prokofiev, and Conrad Tao, before concluding with Brahms's Sonata No. 3 in D Minor.

Jackiw is "... brilliantly skillful and selflessly musical."
—The Financial Times

*Ahfat possesses "a balanced mix of expressiveness
and virtuosity"*
—Musical America

PIANO SERIES / SUNDAY SERIES



**JAN
11**
SUNDAY
2026
4:00 PM

PAUL LEWIS, PIANO

Renowned British pianist Paul Lewis, celebrated for his masterful interpretations of the Central European piano repertoire, brings a program of profound musical contrasts. From Mozart's lyric Sonata in C Major, K.330 and the stormy Sonata in C Minor, K.457 to the charm of Poulenc's *Improvisations*, Lewis's program showcases both virtuosity and deep musical insight.

"... a majestic and insightful performance..."
—The New York Times

PIANO SERIES



**FEB
5**
THURSDAY
2026
7:30 PM

ZLATA CHOCHIEVA, PIANO

In her highly anticipated FCM debut, Russian pianist Zlata Chochieva brings her deep passion for chamber music to a captivating and wide-ranging program. Alongside Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 13, Op. 27 and selections from Schumann's *Fantasiestücke*, she explores the vivid soundscapes of Bartók, Bach, Sibelius, and Scriabin.

"I can think of few piano recitals finer than this"
—Seen and Heard International

CHAMBER SERIES



APR
6
MONDAY
2026
7:30 PM

BRENTANO QUARTET

Making their first return to FCM since 2016, the distinguished Brentano Quartet has been a cornerstone of American chamber music for over 30 years. Renowned for their profound musical insight, the quartet has captivated audiences worldwide, earning both critical and popular acclaim.

"[A] remarkable capacity for magical ensemble playing...effervescent."
- The Washington Post

PIANO SERIES



MAY
7
THURSDAY
2026
7:30 PM

JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET, *PIANO*

For more than three decades, Jean-Yves Thibaudet has dazzled audiences across the globe. He has recorded over 50 albums and earned a reputation as one of today's most extraordinary pianists. In a rare recital appearance, Thibaudet brings his signature color and refinement to Debussy's complete *Préludes*, Books 1 and 2—an immersive journey through shimmering impressionistic landscapes and evocative musical poetry.

"Sophistication and suavity, both clarity and freedom."
—The New York Times

FRIENDS IN NEW PLACES SAME WORLD-CLASS MUSIC!

World-class artists... in two new venues, with free parking. We look forward to expanding our reach into the community. *Watch for exclusive subscriber discounts for these two concerts.*



MAR
1
SUNDAY
2026
4:00 PM

OWLS

Owls is a fresh and original new string quartet collective featuring some of chamber music's most creative voices, including violinist Alexi Kenney, violist Ayane Kozasa, and cellists Gabe Cabezas and Paul Wiancko.

Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S Allison Pkwy, Lakewood



The ensemble's repertoire is arranged specially for the group's unusual instrumentation, "a process that may account for Owls' evident deep investment in each work they play."

—The New York Times



MAR
19
THURSDAY
2026
7:30 PM

LE CONSORT

Formed in Paris in 2015, Le Consort is a dynamic chamber music ensemble that breathes new life into baroque music with a special devotion to the trio sonata. These four exceptional musicians bring their energy and artistry to "A Trio Sonata Soiree," featuring works by Albinoni, Telemann, and Bach.

Augustana Lutheran Church
5000 E Alameda Ave, Denver

Presented in partnership with
AUGUSTANARTS
audience & artist in harmony

"Ravishing, exhilarating and uniquely beautiful."

—BBC Music Magazine

MUSIC IN THE GALLERIES

In partnership with the Clyfford Still Museum, FCM presents Sunday afternoon chamber concerts in the gallery. Identical concerts at Noon & 1 PM.

Clyfford Still Museum, 1250 Bannock Street, Denver



OCT 12, 2025
Tabula Rasa String Quartet



DEC 14, 2025
Ivy Street Ensemble



MAR 8, 2026
Koa String Quartet



MAY 10, 2026
Ferguson Ito Duo



FREE FAMILY CONCERT

Watch our website for details on this fun and free concert, perfect for patrons of all ages!

SEASON TICKETS ARE YOUR BEST VALUE!

Order by June 19 for Early Bird Pricing

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FULL	8	\$380	\$350
UNDER 30*	8	\$120	\$120
CHAMBER	5	\$240	\$220
FLEX TIX	4	\$220	\$200
PIANO	3	\$155	\$140
SUNDAY	3	\$155	\$140

*Ages 30 and under (with I.D.). Order online under the Full Series option.

SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS

- **Save nearly 30%** over single tickets prices (with Early Bird pricing)
- **20% discount** on additional tickets
- Discount on community concerts
- Livestream included, pending artist approval
- Free ticket exchanges and reprints

SINGLE TICKETS

- Single tickets (\$55-\$70) available beginning June 20 (fcm.newmantix.com)
- 30 and under* tickets just **\$15!**
- Students (with I.D.) just **\$5!**
- **Friends in New Places** and **Livestream tickets** will be sold separately. Watch our website for details.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Purchase tickets online | fcm.newmantix.com

By phone | 303-871-7720

In person | at the Newman Center

Box Office: Open Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

ALL SERIES CONCERTS WILL BE HELD IN
Gates Concert Hall, Newman Center for the
Performing Arts | 2344 E. Iliff Ave, Denver 80208



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for the Performing Arts

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Friends of Chamber Music believes that no education is complete without music, with its ability to amaze and inspire. Each year we bring professional musicians into local schools, serving over 4,000 students, all free of charge. New this year, FCM's own resident quartet will provide even more customized music experiences!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

We schedule fun, interactive performances by local musicians, often a first, live classical music experience for many students.

SCHOOL-BASED RESIDENCIES

Our music residency programs are designed to provide targeted, interactive instruction based on the specific needs of a classroom teacher.

MASTER CLASSES

When available, FCM's touring artists coach master classes for aspiring musicians.

HELP US KEEP THE MUSIC ALIVE

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT FCM:

- Help us expand our circle of friends. Tell others about our concerts. Better yet, bring them as your guests!
- Give your time as a volunteer. Share your expertise, participate in committee work, or help with various special events. Email info@friendsofchambermusic.com for more information.
- Leave a lasting legacy by remembering FCM in your will.
- Donate today with a one-time or recurring gift.

FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC COMMISSIONING INITIATIVE

Join FCM as we advocate for and sponsor new chamber music for audiences in Colorado as well as across the country. FCM will be commissioning up to three new works each season. To be a part of this effort, scan the QR code below and choose "Fund for New Music" using the drop-down box under "designation."



To make a tax-deductible donation, or to find out more about ways you can help, visit friendsofchambermusic.com/support.



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Visit our website for more information.

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A photograph of a man and a woman sitting in the foreground of a theater or concert hall. The man, with a beard and wearing a light grey sweater, is smiling broadly and clapping his hands. The woman, with dark hair tied back, is also smiling and looking towards the right. They are surrounded by other audience members, some of whom are blurred in the background. The lighting is warm and focused on the couple. In the bottom right corner, there are several red geometric lines forming a stylized graphic.

**WE'VE SAVED YOU A SEAT.
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**