

## LONDON'S BELCEA QUARTET RETURNS TO ANN ARBOR

ANN ARBOR, MI (September 30, 2009) — The **University Musical Society** (UMS) presents the **Belcea Quartet** in a performance of chamber music by Haydn, Shostakovich, Schubert, and Britten on **Friday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m.** in Ann Arbor's **Rackham Auditorium** (915 East Washington Street). Established in 1994 at the Royal College of Music, the Belcea Quartet is one of the leading quartets of the new generation. The group returns to UMS after its first appearance in 2006 with tenor Ian Bostridge.

For tickets or additional information, contact the University Musical Society at **734-764-2538** or online at [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org). Tickets may also be purchased in person at the League Ticket Office (911 North University Avenue). UMS Ticket Office hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed Sunday.

The **Belcea Quartet** consistently receives critical acclaim for their performances throughout Europe and North America. They have an exclusive recording contract with EMI Classics and won the Gramophone Award for best debut recording in 2001. Their discography for EMI includes Brahms' String Quartet Op. 51 No. 1 and second String Quintet with Thomas Kakuska, Fauré's *La Bonne Chanson* with Ian Bostridge, Schubert's *Trout* Quintet with Thomas Adès and Corin Long, a double disc of Britten's string quartets, Mozart's "Dissonance" and "Hoffmeister" quartets, and, most recently, the complete Bartók quartets, for which the group was awarded the title Chamber Music Ensemble of the Year by Germany's prestigious Echo Klassik Awards and nominated for a 2008 Gramophone Award. Their double disc of the late Schubert Quartets and the String Quintet with Valentin Erben will be released on EMI later this year.

The Belcea Quartet's international engagements regularly take them to the Vienna Konzerthaus and Musikverein, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Brussels' Palais des Beaux Arts, Lisbon's Gulbenkian, Zurich's Tonhalle, Stockholm's Konzerthuset, Paris' Chatelet and Opera Bastille, Milan's Sala Verdi, New York's Carnegie Hall, and San Francisco's Herbst Theatre, and to festivals including Luberon, Istanbul, Trondheim, Lausanne, Salzburg, Mecklenburg, and the Schwarzenberg Schubertiade. In the UK they regularly appear at the Edinburgh, Aldeburgh, Perth, Bath, and Cheltenham festivals, and at Wigmore Hall where they were resident Quartet from 2001 to 2006.

## **Quick Facts**

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**Belcea Quartet UMS appearances:** This performance marks the Belcea Quartet's second UMS appearance. The quartet made its UMS debut in March 2006 with tenor Ian Bostridge.

**Additional information:** [www.belceaquartet.com](http://www.belceaquartet.com)

## **BELCEA QUARTET**

**Friday, October 30, 8 p.m.**

**Rackham Auditorium** (915 East Washington Street, Ann Arbor)

Tickets: \$20-\$42

### Program

Haydn	String Quartet in C major, Op. 20, No. 2 (1772)
Shostakovich	String Quartet No. 14 in F-sharp Major, Op. 142 (1973)
Schubert	Quartettsatz in c minor, D. 703 (1820)
Britten	String Quartet No. 3, Op. 94 (1975)

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**734-764-2538**

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