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The Grammy Award-nominated Ensō String Quartet and Mykola Suk, an internationally acclaimed Ukrainian-born pianist, headline the 2015-16 Guest Concert Series at Dominican University of California in San Rafael.

To celebrate the opening of the 15th season of the [Guest Concert Series at Dominican](#), the Dominican Chamber Connection – five musicians with ties to the University – made its debut on October 25 in Angelico Concert Hall.

The Sunday concerts, sponsored by [Dominican's Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts](#), start at 3 p.m. Free parking is available in the nearby Conlan Center lot off Grand Avenue in San Rafael.

The Dominican Chamber Connection is comprised of violinist Mark Volkert, assistant concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony; his wife Jan Volkert, Principal Cellist of the Marin Symphony who earned a music degree from Dominican in 1977; Dominican alum Mark Jordan, former concertmaster of the Modesto Symphony and assistant concertmaster of Marin Symphony; violist and Dominican alum Noriko Iwamoto, who performed in Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and was the assistant director of the Music Academy in Mexico City; and pianist June Choi Oh, who is the Chair of the Music, Dance and Performing Arts at Dominican.

Mark Volkert, whose compositions have been commissioned and performed by San Francisco Symphony, Marin Symphony, Stanford University, and Monterey Bay Aquarium among others, presented the world premiere of *A Breeze That Stipples the Sea*, which was commissioned by Dominican Music Department.

“We are immensely proud to present such internationally recognized and distinguished musicians performing on the Dominican campus in such an intimate setting,” says June Choi Oh. “It is a real coup for the Guest Concert Series to have the Ensō String Quartet and Mykola Suk performing here as it is rare when they play in concert the San Francisco Bay Area.”

On November 15, Mykola Suk, who gained international recognition as the winner of the First Prize and Gold Medal at the 1971 International Liszt-Bartok Competition in Budapest, Hungary, will perform a piano recital. His international career has spanned four continents, performing in the most prestigious venues from the Great Hall of Moscow Conservatory to Carnegie Hall in New York.

On January 31, the Ensō String Quartet – featuring violinists Maureen Nelson and Ken Hamao, cellist Richard Belcher and Melissa Reardon on the viola – make their Angelico Hall debut. Founded at Yale in 1999, the Enso has won numerous awards, including top prizes at the Concert Artists Guild competition and the Banff International String Quartet Competition.

The young New York City-based performers earned their first Grammy nomination in 2010 for “Best Chamber Music Performance.”

On February 21, the San Francisco Chamber Players, Northern California's premier chamber ensemble, return to Angelico Hall. The SF Chamber Players feature Dan Carlson, Principal Violinist with the San Francisco Symphony; Peter Wyrick, Associate Principal Cellist for the San Francisco Symphony; Joy Fellows, Assistant Principal Violist of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra; and their close friend June Choi Oh, a Juilliard School-trained pianist.

On April 3, June Choi Oh also will join San Francisco Symphony musicians Sarn Oliver (violin), Mariko Smiley (violin), Nancy Ellis (viola) and cellist Margaret Tait in a Chamber Concert. They will close the curtain on the 15th season of the Guest Concert Series with a prodigious Brahms piano quintet.

The concerts are free to students under the age of 18 including middle school and elementary school children if accompanied and supervised by an adult. In addition, community college students with a valid

I.D. and music and art teachers in grades K-12 will be admitted free of charge along with Dominican faculty, staff and students with a valid I.D.

Subscription season tickets for the Guest Concert Series are \$72 for general admission, \$60 for seniors over 60. Single-event tickets, which are only available at the door 30 minutes prior to scheduled performances, are \$18 for general admission and \$15 for seniors over 60.

For more information on tickets and the [2015-16 Guest Concert Series schedule](#), call 415-482-3579, email [concerts@dominican.edu](mailto:concerts@dominican.edu) or visit <http://www.dominican.edu/events>.

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