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Parker String Quartet to Begin Season of Chamber Music

Market Square Concerts is pleased and honored to announce the appearance of the most recent young quartet to receive the important Cleveland Quartet Award, the Parker Quartet, in a concert on Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m. at Harrisburg's Whitaker Center.

Tickets are \$28, students \$5 and are available in person at the BOX, 214 ARTS or at whitakercenter.org. For other subscription or other ticketing information, call Market Square Concerts at 717 221-9599.

For their concert in Harrisburg, the Parker Quartet will play Beethoven's Quartet Op. 18 No. 3, Bartók's String Quartet No. 1 and Mendelssohn's String Quartet in A minor Op. 13 No. 2.

The biennial Cleveland Quartet award honors and promotes a rising young string quartet whose artistry demonstrates that it is in the process of establishing a major career. As recipient of this award, the Parker Quartet automatically has numerous concerts nationwide with leading presenters.

Market Square Concerts is able to be a participant in the Cleveland Quartet Endowment through a generous grant from the Helen F. Whitaker Fund in 1996. MSC's Founder Lucy Miller Murray served on the panel that chose the Parker Quartet for this award.

Members of the quartet hold graduate degrees in chamber music and performance from the New England Conservatory of Music, where they were founded in 2002. The quartet consists of Violinists Daniel Chong and Karen Kim, Violist Jessica Bodner and Cellist Kee-Hyun Kim.

The *New York Times* calls them "something extraordinary." The *Boston Globe* hails their fiercely committed performances." The *Washington Post* declares them "a quartet that deserves close attention." In addition to a demanding national touring schedule, they have recently appeared in festivals in Brazil, Germany and France.

Photos and interviews with quartet members are possible by contacting Market Square Concerts as above, or at PO Box 1292, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

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Market Square Concerts is dedicated to the presentation of a wide repertoire of chamber music performed by distinguished professional musicians, both established and emerging, and to the education and engagement of the general public in chamber music as an art form.