

New Music at Macalester presents the ETHEL string quartet performing "GRACE"

St. Paul, Minn. – Since its founding in 1998, the string quartet ETHEL has been a musical pioneer. They'll perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in Mairs Concert Hall, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center & Gallery, 1600 Grand Ave, St. Paul, Minn. They are part of Macalester's **New Music Series**, sponsored by the Rivendell Foundation.

Their Macalester concert, titled "GRACE," is a program that explores the idea of redemption through music. The performance will include a suite from the score to the film "The Mission" by Ennio Morricone, as well as music from other cultures.

The New York-based string quartet uses amplification and improvisation in its concerts performing original music and works by contemporary composers. *The New Yorker* has called ETHEL the "avatar of post-classical music -- the virtuoso alternative string quartet...vital and brilliant."

ETHEL is comprised of Ralph Farris (viola), Dorothy Lawson (cello), Kip Jones (violin) and Tema Watstein (violin).

Thanks to generous funding from the Rivendell Foundation, the Macalester College Music Department presents two to three concerts per season focusing on New Music and Jazz.

Past **New Music Series** guests have included guitarist/composer Bill Frisell, cellist Matt Haimovitz, So Percussion, jazz pianist/composer/arranger Uri Caine, singer Lucy Shelton, Enso String Quartet, pianist/composer Frederic Rzewski, Pulitzer-Prize winning composer Yehudi Wyner, chamber group eighth blackbird, and jazz composer/bandleader Maria Schneider and Theo Bleckmann, jazz singer and new music composer. Guest artists work with Macalester students in classes and master classes and give free concerts open to the public.

The performance is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no tickets and or reservations. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information call 651-696-6808 or email rhest@macalester.edu (<mailto:rhest@macalester.edu>).

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