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Tasman String Quartet Concert Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m.

The Tasman String Quartet will perform in concert on Monday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Goodwin Hall in the Auburn University College of Liberal Arts' Department of Music. The concert is free and open to everyone.

Monday's concert kicks off the quartet's month-long residency in the CLA's Music Department. The residency will include instruction and outreach, and the group will give several performances and workshops at schools and in communities throughout the state over the course of their stay. The residency is hosted under the auspices of Breeden Eminent Scholar and College of Liberal Arts Music Department professor Howard Goldstein and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, the College of Liberal Arts dedicated outreach office.

The program for Monday night's concert consists of Haydn's "Emperor" Quartet, Bartók's Third Quartet in C, and Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" Quartet. According to Howard Goldstein, "this program will not only demonstrate the broad talents of these gifted young artists, but will also offer three of the most glorious quartets ever written."

TSQ is composed of two violinists, Anna van der Zee and Jennifer Banks, violist Christiaan van der Zee and cellist Miranda Wilson. Named for Dutch explorer Abel Tasman, the first European to sight New Zealand, and evocative of their dedication to exploring the exciting chamber music repertoire, the group has been widely praised for their skillful playing and energetic performances. TSQ has performed for Chamber Music New Zealand and Radio New Zealand.

Since 2007, TSQ has been at the University of Colorado in Boulder completing a residency under the guidance of the Takács Quartet. Their recent achievements include a fellowship to the Center for Advanced Quartet Studies at the Aspen Music Festival and School, an invitation to perform at the Julliard String Quartet Seminar in New York, the Honorable Mention in the finals of the Plowman Chamber Music Competition in Missouri and the Jeremy Rutenberg Chamber Music Competition in Florida.

For more information about the concert or the TSQ residency, visit www.auburn.edu/cah or call 334-844-4946.