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**PENNINGTON, N.J., September 2023** --- Excelsis Percussion will be performing a free, open-to-the-public concert at The Pennington School on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Hailed as "One of the most innovative and exciting percussion ensembles to emerge in the golden age of chamber music" (Jonathan Haas, New York University) for their immersive sound world, New York City-based Excelsis Percussion Quartet is Marcelina Suchocka (Poland), Aya Kaminaguchi (Japan), Britton-René Collins (United States), and Mariana Ramirez (Mexico).

The Pennington School will welcome this group to campus for a three-day musicians-in-residence program for their students, as well as host a concert on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stainton Hall Lecture Center. This free performance is open to the public and is generously sponsored by Brenda Martini O'loughlin and Thomas O'loughlin.

As noted on their website, Excelsis Percussion's repertoire spans from classical to avant-garde. Through exciting arrangements, including Björk and other pop music covers, Excelsis advocates for multi-genre representation in their programming, charming audiences with contrasting and uniquely innovative concert experiences. Notable projects include their inaugural program featuring women composers, which was premiered in Sō Percussion's concert series, "Brooklyn Bound," and participating in the Tippet Rise Music Festival in Montana, performing John Luther Adams' outdoor percussion piece "Inuksuit" alongside Doug Perkins and members of the Montana Symphony. In addition to their active performance schedule, Excelsis delivers masterclasses and educational workshops, most recently giving a residency at the State University of New York, Potsdam. Learn more about Excelsis Percussion at <https://excelsispercussion.com/>.

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

**Caption for photo:** Members of Excelsis Percussion (*l to r*): Ramiana Ramirez, Britton-René Collins, Marcelina Suchocka, and Aya Kaminaguchi.