



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, NJ, October 1, 2024—Free Concert Announced at The Pennington School to Culminate String Quartet’s Residency

The award-winning Thalea String Quartet will perform at The Pennington School on Friday, October 18, 2024. The Thalea String Quartet brings their signature vibrancy and emotional commitment to dynamic performances that reflect the past, present, and future of the string quartet repertoire while celebrating diverse musical traditions from around the world. Through generous funding from past parents Brenda Martini O’loughlin and Thomas O’loughlin, The Pennington School is proud to bring the Thalea String Quartet to campus for a three-day musicians-in-residence program and to share the fun by hosting a free, public concert on Friday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the school’s Meckler Library.

Fueled by the belief that chamber music is a powerful force for building community and human connection, the Thalea String Quartet has performed across North America, Europe, and China, and has appeared at the Kennedy Center, Massey Hall, and Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall. Committed to shaping and contributing to the future of the string quartet repertoire, the Thalea String Quartet has premiered dozens of new works and has collaborated on new commissions with composers including Osvaldo Golijov, Paola Prestini, Anthony R. Green, Akshaya Avril Tucker, and Tanner Porter.

Winners of the 2021 Ann Divine Educator Award from the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the members of the Thalea String Quartet have been celebrated for their innovative approach to education and community engagement. The Thalea String Quartet has presented masterclasses and workshops at institutions across North America.

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.

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Photo Caption: Members of the Thalea String Quartet (l to r): Lauren Spaulding, Christopher Whitley, Kumiko Sakamoto, and Alex Cox.