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The Alcan Quartet

String Quartet no. 8 in B flat major (D.112, op.168)  Franz Schubert  
  Allegro ma non troppo  
  Andante sostenuto  
  Menuetto  
  Presto  

String Quartet in g minor, op.27  Edvard Grieg  
  Poco andante - Allegro molto  
  Romanza  
  Allegro molto marcato  
  Presto al saltarello  

This is My Voice (String Quartet no.3) (1993)  Kelly-Marie Murphy  
  I Expressivo  
  II Expressivo  
  III Aggressively  
  IV Dolce  

intermission

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Founded in 1989, the Alcan String Quartet has earned the enviable reputation as one of the most brilliant chamber ensembles in Canada today. Holding a residency in Chicoutimi Quebec, the Quartet's major support comes from the multinational aluminum company whose name it carries: Alcan. The Alcan String Quartet was formed to enrich the musical life in its adopted region, providing an illustrious first row to the string section of the Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean Symphony Orchestra.

The Alcan Quartet has released six CD's including works of Haydn, Mozart, Brahms, and Dvorak. During 1999 the quartet will celebrate their tenth anniversary season performing the complete Beethoven cycle in a series of radio broadcasts to be recorded in six different cities across Canada. Their performance in a television documentary about the Debussy Quartet will be broadcast over the A&E and the Bravo! cable channels this season.

First violinist Brett Molzan is from Edmonton, Alberta, and studied at McGill University. Nathalie Camus, second violinist, is from Montreal and attended the St Louis Conservatory in Missouri. Violist Luc Beauchemin is from Quebec city and studied at Laval University. Cellist David Ellis is a native of Burlington, Vermont and graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

INDIVIDUAL BIOGRAPHIES

First violinist of the Alcan quartet, Brett Molzan, is a coffee perfectionist and jazz lover. His interest in jazz signed him up for a summer course this past summer at which he stopped being a mere listener and became an active jazz man. Brett practices yoga for relaxation, is a film enthusiast and the father of a 2 1/2 year old daughter named Laura.

Nathalie Camus, second violinist, is an avid aerobics exerciser and, when time permits, enjoys taking ballet classes, a passion that she has had since childhood. She loves to cook for friends, dabble in home decoration and browse in antique shops. She is the mother of two boys, 3 and 6 years old.

Violist Luc Beauchemin, a romantic at heart, is constantly finding ways to surprise his wife, Monique, and their six month old daughter, Anne-Sophie, whether it be after a two week tour or a two hour rehearsal. Before the morning quartet rehearsals he can always be found at the nearby cafe drinking expresso and reading one of the three newspapers that he reads cover to cover each day. He is also known for playing practical jokes on unsuspecting victims.

David Ellis is married to Nathalie Camus (second violinist of the quartet). David is the entrepreneur of the quartet, often up late at night working on his computer, taking care of paperwork, organizing new projects and coordinating quartet activities. He likes jogging for exercise and going cross-country and downhill skiing in the winter. He is the designated dog walker in his family and enjoys spending his free time playing with his two boys, Nicolas and Frederic.
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