

Solisti Ensemble

Violin I

Byung-Kook Kwak
Christine Kwak
Emily Daggett Smith

Violin II

Grace Kang
Sarah Koenig-Plonskier
Deborah Song

Viola

Wei-Yang Andy Lin
Nathan Schram

Cello

Mihai Marica
Eru Matsumoto

Bass

Aleksey Klyushnik

An 11-piece string ensemble founded in 2008 by violinist Byung-Kook Kwak, Solisti Ensemble celebrates its fifth anniversary this 2011-2012 season. Based in New York, the group consists of active soloists and chamber musicians dedicated to performing concerts of the highest quality while reviving the traditions of small-ensemble chamber music.

During its short history, Solisti Ensemble has presented not only the rich and vibrant sounds of classical music in concert, but also of contemporary, pop, tango and jazz genres. The ensemble offers programs that are a combination of complete works and movements of works by various composers, selected to create a unique and memorable musical experience.

Since its inception, Solisti Ensemble has given concerts at The Kaufman Center's Merkin Concert Hall, St. Peter's Church in New York City, and the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove. In the 2010-2011 season, the ensemble made their Lincoln Center debut at Alice Tully Hall, performing to a full house. Their Carnegie Hall debut at Zankel Hall this season presents a range of style and emotions as it travels musically around a 100 plus-year period, and showcases the variety of repertoire and versatility of sound that is the group's calling card.

In hopes of making a meaningful musical contribution to its community, both local and global, Solisti Ensemble envisions the enthusiastic revival of classical music in a way that is both culturally relevant and nostalgically reminiscent of an oft forgotten period of the art. Solisti Ensemble promises to bring a most fulfilling and fascinating musical experience to audiences everywhere.

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