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Bridge Chamber Music Festival Announces 12th Season

The Bridge Chamber Music Festival is proud to announce its 12th season with four scheduled performances at Carleton and St. Olaf colleges in Northfield August 15-22, each starting at 7:30 p.m. This year's Festival celebrates the 200th anniversary of Robert Schumann and Frederic Chopin and the 100th anniversary of Samuel Barber.

The festival, which has drawn classical music connoisseurs to the quaint town of Northfield for over a decade, is best described by David Carter, cellist and artistic director for the Bridge Chamber Music Festival: "It's all the drama and passion of the symphony, but much more intimate."

The Festival begins on August 15th with Festival Concert I, at 7:30 p.m. in Urness Recital Hall on the St. Olaf campus. This program includes: Schubert's epic *String Quintet in C major*, Samuel Barber's delightful *Summer Music* for Woodwind Quintet, and Schumann's moving song cycle *Dichterliebe*.

On August 17th the Young Artist Recital will feature fine young performers from our area, at 7:30 p.m. in Studio A on the St. Olaf campus. This concert is free.

Festival Concert II will take place on August 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carleton Concert Hall. This program includes Schumann's charming *Fantasy Pieces Op. 73*, his deeply Romantic *Piano Quartet Op. 47*, as well as Debussy's Impressionist masterpiece, the *Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp*.

The Festival concludes with Festival Concert III on August 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carleton Concert Hall with a program that includes the highest expression of Romantic piano writing: Chopin's *4 Ballades for Piano*, as well as Samuel Barber's early masterpiece, the *String Quartet Op. 11*, and jazz selections.

Tickets (\$5/concert except for the Young Artist Recital which is free) are available ahead of time at the Northfield Arts Guild or at the door the evening of each event.

For more information on the Bridge Chamber Music Festival, visit <http://www.bridgechamber.org> or contact David Carter at carter@stolaf.edu / 612-702-1817 or the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-658-2548. An itinerary of concerts including a list of musicians performing can be found at <http://www.visitingnorthfield.com/packages.html>.

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