



BROWNBAG CONCERT SERIES

2023-2024



Amethyst String Quartet

Sponsored by Suzanne Strew, in memory of Rudolph John Strew

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12PM

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Mary Beth Ions and Carol Ruzicka, violin
Laura Kuennen-Poper, viola
Kent Collier, cello

The program will be announced from the stage.

Whether on stage at Severance Hall with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra or in the orchestra pit for touring Broadway shows at Playhouse Square, the musicians of the Amethyst String Quartet bring their passion for music to these and many other venues in the Greater Cleveland area. They are among Cleveland's most active and versatile musicians and educators. They are equally at ease playing Classical repertoire, Gershwin, Sinatra, Coldplay, Beatles! They have provided back-up music for a wide variety of performers such as Rod Stewart, Andrea Bocelli, Barry Manilow, Smokey Robinson and Mannheim Steamroller. Their diverse musical life includes performances at weddings, churches and synagogues, even symphonic concerts of Video Game Music. Their concerts take the audience on a musical journey from the Classics to music from Downton Abbey, Simon and Garfunkel and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra!

A great believer in the power of music to heal and inspire, the Amethyst String Quartet is dedicated to the mission of bringing live music up close and personal to those who might not otherwise experience it. Several quartet members are thrilled to be part of MetroHealth's Arts in Medicine Department where they enhance patient experience with all genres of music. Several are devoted teachers, believing that music is an integral part of the learning spectrum as it promotes discipline, teamwork and creativity.

Founder of the Amethyst String Quartet, violinist Mary Beth Ions passionately believes live music goes to places in the heart that words cannot. In a world where we often search for meaning and clarity, music transcends the confusion and helps us find solace and wisdom.

Thank you for joining us this season! As always, we are grateful for your support of our programming. The Brownbag Concerts will resume in September.

Our Brownbag Concert Series is funded in part by Ohio Arts Council and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and by the generosity of wonderful supporters like you. An opportunity for a free-will offering will be available as you exit the nave towards the piazza, or you may scan the QR code to donate.

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