The German Society of Pennsylvania

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On Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. the German Society of Pennsylvania once again presents the Wister Quartet in the acoustically superb Albert and Hete Barthelmes Auditorium at the German Society's headquarters, 611 Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia. This is the final concert of the “Wister and More! Concert Series” season 2012/13.

Since its founding in 1987, the Wister Quartet (Nancy Bean, violin; Davyd Booth, violin and piano; Pamela Fay, viola; and Lloyd Smith, cello) has earned high praise from critics and audiences alike for its superb musicianship and memorable performances. Daniel Webster of The Philadelphia Inquirer has written that the Wister Quartet “has become the foremost [Philadelphia] chamber music ensemble.” David Patrick Stearns of The Philadelphia Inquirer recently wrote, “Fierce, satisfying . . . . This was a long-cultivated group personality for which there should always be a place, no matter how busy the musical community becomes.”

The Wister Quartet will perform a program entitled “Latin Passions”, featuring four of the most attractive and colorful works from Spain. The Quartet opens with Joaquín Turina’s “La Oración del Torero,” which gives a tonal impression of a matador’s prayer for serenity and poise before his confrontation in the ring. Juan Crisostomo Arriaga was known as “The Spanish Mozart.” His first string quartet is a remarkable and impressive work. Enrique Granados’ Piano Trio, Op. 50, features violinist Davyd Booth as pianist in this eloquent and engaging work, and the concert ends with Manuel de Falla’s wonderfully energetic “Danse Espagnole,” arranged for string quartet by cellist Lloyd Smith.

Single tickets are $20, Students with ID reduced $10, and may be purchased online via http://german-society-of-pennsylvania.ticketleap.com/wister2012-13, by calling 215-627-2332, or at the door 30 minutes before the concert.

Following the concert, there will be a reception in the Society’s Ratskeller, with coffee and cakes, and an opportunity to meet the artists.

For more information about the Society, visit the Society’s website at www.germansociety.org.

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