



divisa ensemble

flute ~ oboe ~ violin ~ viola ~ cello

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About the Divisa Ensemble

Divisa Ensemble is recognized for its "great ensemble, dialogue between instruments, and emotive power". A quintet comprised of flute, oboe, violin, viola, and cello, the ensemble's instrumentation and "mix-and-match" style allow for a unique variety of repertoire, ranging from the most traditional to the eclectic and contemporary.

The name "Divisa Ensemble" is derived from the musical term *divisi* which indicates that players divide into two or more sections. Programs feature pieces with varied instrumental combinations, as well as works with all members performing as one complete *ensemble*.

Since their inaugural concert in 2009, Divisa Ensemble has performed many recitals throughout the South Bay and Peninsula, including appearances in the Fortnightly Music Club concert series and the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Annual Bach Festival. At each performance, Divisa Ensemble presents a variety of repertoire, ranging from a Quintet by the 12-tone Dutch composer Luctor Ponse, to an Oboe Quartet by Mozart, to a lively Jitterbug by Peter Schickele.

Divisa Ensemble is currently the Ensemble-in-Residence of the El Camino Youth Symphony. Student musicians are invited to study with the Ensemble and be special guest performers at a Divisa Ensemble recital.

Founding members of the Divisa Ensemble are Tomiko Tsai, Adrienne Malley, Leah Carl, Stephanie Ng, and Sara Styles. All of them are professional musicians in the Bay Area. They trained individually at institutions including the University of Michigan, University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Peabody Conservatory, San Francisco State University, University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Southern California. Divisa Ensemble members have played with many orchestras around the Bay Area including Symphony Silicon Valley, and the Oakland, Marin, Berkeley, California, and San Francisco Symphonies.



Sample Repertoire

Duets:

Arnold, Malcolm (1921-2006) - Duo for flute and viola, Op.10
Bach, Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784) - Duet No.4 for flute and oboe
Fiala, Josef (1748-1816) - Theme and Variations for oboe and viola
Halvorsen, Johan (1864-1935) - Passacaglia on a theme by G.F. Handel, for violin and viola
Uebayashi, Yuko (b. 1975) - Suite, pour flûte et violoncello
Villa-Lobos, Heitor (1887-1959) - Assobio a jato, "The Jet Whistle", for flute and cello

Trios:

Beethoven, Ludwig van (1770-1827) - String Trio in E-flat, Op.3
Dohnányi, Ernst von (1877-1960) - Serenade in C Major, Op.10, for string trio
Roussel, Albert (1869-1937) - Trio for flute, viola, and cello
Schickele, Peter (b. 1935) - Dream Dances, for flute, oboe, and cello
Tann, Hilary (b. 1947) - The Walls of Morlais Castle, for oboe, viola, and cello

Quartets:

Bach, Johann Christian (1735-1782) - Quartetto, Op.19, Nr.2, for flute, oboe, viola, and cello
Britten, Benjamin (1913-1976) - Phantasy, Op.2, for oboe quartet
Honegger, Arthur (1892-1955) - Three Counterpoints, for piccolo, english horn, violin, and cello
Janitsch, Johann Gottlieb (1708-1763) - Sonata da camera, Op.1/1, for flute, oboe, viola, and cello
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus (1756-1791) - Flute Quartet in C Major, K.285b
Singer, Jeanne (b. 1924-2000) - Grandmother's Attic, for flute, oboe, violin, and cello

Quintets:

Bliss, Arthur (1891-1975) - Conversations, for flute, oboe, and strings
Cambini, Giuseppe (1746-1825) - Quintetto in G Major
Ceremuga, Josef (b. 1930) - Kvintet
Koetsier, Jan (1911-2006) - Petite Suite Champetre
Ponse, Luctor (1914-1998) - Kwintet, Op.25
Sussmayr, Franz Xaver (1766-1803) - Quintet in D Major

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Performances

Friday, May 13, 2011, 8pm
Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, Mountain View, CA

Friday, March 11, 2011, 8pm
Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA

Sunday, October 24, 2010, 2pm
Santa Clara University Recital Hall, Santa Clara, CA

Sunday, October 10, 2010, 8pm
Fortnightly Music Club, Palo Alto, CA

Saturday, June 12, 2010, 7pm
Santa Clara University Recital Hall, Santa Clara, CA

Sunday, December 13, 2009, 2pm
Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Bach Festival, Palo Alto, CA

Sunday, September 20, 2009, 4pm
Unitarian Universalist Church, Palo Alto, CA