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CHAMBER MUSIC AMICI LAUNCHES BEETHOVEN 250 AND DEBUTS NEW AMICI MEMBER

SPRINGFIELD, OR — Chamber Music Amici marks the global celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday with its December 16 concert, which debuts pianist Eunhye Grace Choi as a new core member and includes two guest artists, Anthea Kreston, violin, and Jason Duckles, cello.

The concert — Beethoven 2020 — at the [Richard E. Wildish Community Theater](#) includes the performance of the Piano Trio No. 2 in G Major, where we hear Beethoven's fearless dramatic sense and exuberant, symphonic palette of dynamic and emotional effects. It's paired with Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44, one of the truly monumental works of chamber music, "the piece that brought chamber music out of the salon and into the concert hall," said Amici Artistic Director Jessica Lambert.

In her debut as a core member, Choi (who goes by Grace) brings highly acclaimed skills as a collaborative pianist and chamber musician. She regularly appears on concert stages and recordings around the world.

"One of the many things I admire about Grace's playing is the singing quality of her phrasing," Lambert said. "She has an extraordinary sense of line and breath, which shapes her playing of even the simplest melody. I admire the power of her technique as well as the breadth of her musical vision."

Duckles and Kreston are award-winning musicians with many collaborations and honors to their names.

"Jason and Anthea play beyond the visible spectrum," Lambert said. "Their exploration of the infinite palette of emotional textures in classical music is always a joy to be a part of."

Concert sponsors are [Alison Shiboski Fine Jewelry](#), Brothers Carpet Cleaning, John W. Larson, DMD, [Long's Meat Market](#) and [Oakmont Family Dental](#). The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., is without an intermission, and is followed by a complimentary post-concert party, where audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy baked creations from Excelsior Ristorante Italiano.

Tickets: \$28-40; \$5 student. For tickets: <http://bit.ly/AmiciBeethoven2020Tickets>, or call (541) 953-9204 for more information.

Summary:

- Beethoven 2020, 7:30 pm, Monday, December 16, Richard E. Wildish Community Theater, Springfield, Oregon
- Core musicians performing: Eunhye Grace Choi, piano; Jessica Lambert, violin; Sharon Shuman, violin
- Guest artists: Anthea Kreston, violin; Jason Duckles, cello

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