

SMQ

Percussion Quartet



ABOUT US:

THE SMQ PERCUSSION QUARTET FORMED IN 2007 BY MEMBERS CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL, CHRIS LENNARD, CRAIG WENDE AND BRIAN YARKOSKY WHO ALL MET WHILE EARNING MUSIC DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. THE MEMBERS OF SMQ ARE EACH ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIANS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, AND TOGETHER THEY FORM AN INCREDIBLY VERSATILE CHAMBER GROUP. THE ENSEMBLE HAS PERFORMED THROUGHOUT THE SEATTLE AREA AND BEYOND IN CONCERTS, MASTER CLASSES, AND FESTIVALS. SMQ STRIVES TO ENGAGE AUDIENCES WITH THEIR UNIQUE BLEND OF DRUMMING STYLES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, AS WELL AS MODERN MARIMBA REPERTOIRE FROM THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES. SMQ'S SHOWCASE OF THE DIVERSITY OF PERCUSSION MAKES FOR AN INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING CONCERT EXPERIENCE.

EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS:

SMQ OFFERS PERFORMANCES, MASTER CLASSES, AND LESSONS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE. MEMBERS OF SMQ HAVE ALL COACHED STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN REGIONAL AND STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS PUT ON PUBLIC PERFORMANCES FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES AND MUSICAL SOPHISTICATION.

RECENT PERFORMANCES:

FEATURED ARTISTS AT SEATTLE CITY HALL'S "SEATTLE PRESENTS" CONCERT SERIES
MUSIC WORKS NORTHWEST FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES FEATURED ARTISTS
WASHINGTON DAY OF PERCUSSION 2009 HOSTED BY CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
THE NORTHWEST DAY OF PERCUSSION 2009 HOSTED BY UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
VALLEY VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY OF THE ARTS IN SNOHOMISH, WA

REVIEWS:

"SMQ - FOUR INTUITIVE MUSICIANS PLAYING SKILLFULLY ACROSS INTERESTING MUSICAL BORDERS - GREAT FUN!"

- JULIE SPENCER, SOLO MARIMBA ARTIST/COMPOSER

"SMQ PERFORMS AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL. THEIR PRESENTATION IS A FEAST FOR THE EARS, EYES AND IMAGINATION. CLEARLY THE PLAYERS ARE MASTER PERCUSSIONISTS AND CLOSE FRIENDS WHO HAVE FOUND A MAGICAL BLEND OF SERIOUS AND ENTERTAINING REPERTORY THAT SHOWCASES THEIR ENORMOUS AND DIVERSE SKILLS."

- SCOTT A. KETRON, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, MUSIC WORKS NORTHWEST, MUSIC EDUCATOR

"THE SMQ PERCUSSION QUARTET IS COMPRISED OF FOUR OUTSTANDING PERCUSSIONISTS WHO I KNEW QUITE WELL DURING THEIR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. THEIR MUSICAL AND CREATIVE ABILITIES WILL AMAZE YOU AND THEIR FRESH SYNTHESIS OF AN ECLECTIC ARRAY OF STYLES IS PARTICULARLY APPEALING. ENJOY!"

- TIMOTHY SALZMAN, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, CONDUCTOR UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WIND ENSEMBLE

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