



For Immediate Release: Delgani Quartet & DanceAbility International Expand Perceptions with *Body of Sound*

February 10, 2020 (Portland, OR): This April, the “wonderfully tuned” (*Eugene Scene*) and “exhilarating” (*Oregon ArtsWatch*) Delgani String Quartet partners with DanceAbility International and their Guggenheim Award-winning Artistic Director Alito Alessi in offering *Body of Sound*, a performance with purpose. The touring production features diverse and innovative mixed ability dance collaboratively choreographed to uplifting, live performances of beloved classical music gems performed by the region's finest string quartet. With its range of professional performers with and without disabilities, the show will inspire audiences to reexamine beliefs, attitudes, and stereotypes through a lens of positivity and possibility.

Performances are 70 minutes without intermission, and take place:

April 3, 2020 at Kaul Auditorium, Reed College, **Portland**

April 5, 2020 at Tower Theatre, **Bend**

April 6, 2020 at Music Recital Hall, Southern Oregon University, **Ashland**

April 7, 2020 at Soreng Theater, Hult Center, **Eugene**

All tickets are just \$5, available at delgani.org.

Making high quality art within the realm of mixed abilities is ground breaking and joyful. Unique in its authenticity and depth, this production is a model for inclusion, expanding audience perceptions and in turn strengthening communities. When this broad spectrum of artists comes together in a democratic creative process, new possibilities emerge creating transformational art that is universal in its message of optimism, open-mindedness, and acceptance, ultimately sharing the truth that every *body* has value.

Aligned with Delgani's reputation for “astutely curated programs” (*Oregon ArtsWatch*) the musical selection for *Body of Sound* follows a beautiful and organic arc. Lighter fare characterizes the first section, which then transitions to more profound and powerful music before giving way to Barber's iconic *Adagio*, after which there is momentum to the finish. Program includes:

Pärt, *Fratres* excerpt
Mozart, *Minuet* from K458
Mendelssohn, *Canzonetta* from op 12
Dvořák, *Lento* from op 96
Beethoven, *Allegro assai vivace* from op 95
Schulhoff, *Tango* from *Five Pieces*
Britten, *Vivace* from *Quartet No. 2*
Barber, *Adagio* from *Quartet*
Glass, *Body Building* from *Quartet No. 3*
Theofanidis, *I Add Brilliance to the Sun* from *Visions and Miracles*

An audience-centered “Question and Answer” session will immediately follow each performance.

Hailed by Oregon ArtsWatch as “the state’s finest chamber ensemble,” **the Delgani String Quartet** brings distinctive performance, innovative programming, collaboration, and educational programming to Oregon. Since its incorporation in 2014, Delgani has become the most frequently performing string quartet in Oregon, providing over 200 concerts and educational programs throughout the region. The quartet curates its own series in Eugene, Salem, and Portland, manages two summer camps for students, and offers weekend chamber music retreats to adult amateurs. They also introduce third graders to stringed instruments and chamber music through their Classical Spark program. Committed to collaboration, Delgani partners with many local arts organizations. More information at delgani.org.

DanceAbility International creates opportunities for people with and without disabilities to dance and move together. Their vision is that through dance and movement, people from very diverse backgrounds experience the art of being together. The work of DanceAbility International helps decrease prejudice and misconceptions about diversity in the field of dance, and by extension in society. DanceAbility International offers classes and workshops for adults and children, teacher training, performances featuring people with and without disabilities in collaboration, and other educational programs. More information at danceability.com.

Promotional partners:



FACT Oregon works to empower families experiencing disability in their pursuit of whole lives by expanding awareness, growing community, and equipping families.



Oregon Council on
Developmental Disabilities

The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities advances social and policy change so that individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and communities may live, work, play and learn together. They hold a vision that all communities welcome and value people with disabilities and their families.

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