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Wilson Center completes Classical Evenings Series with renowned string quartet, guest pianist

Brookfield, Wisconsin (April 14, 2008) The Mendelssohn String Quartet, with guest **Jonathan Biss**, on piano performs compositions by Beethoven, Bartok and Elgar at the **Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts** on **Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 p.m.** The quartet's performance in the Kuttemperoor Auditorium is part of the *Wilson Center Classical Evenings Series*. Tickets are \$45, \$41 for students and seniors, and \$36 for groups of 10 or more. **For more information or tickets call the Box Office at (262) 781-9520 or visit our website at wilson-center.com.**

The Mendelssohn String Quartet—Miriam Fried (violin), Nicholas Mann (violin), Daniel Panner (viola), and Marcy Rosen (cello)—along with guest pianist Jonathan Biss, will perform Beethoven's *Quartet in C minor*, Op. 18, No. 4, Bartok's *Quartet No. 2*, Op. 17, and Elgar's *Quintet in A minor*, Op. 84.

The quartet was the Blodgett Artists in Residence at Harvard University for nine years, and has performed at such distinguished venues as Carnegie Hall in New York City, Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center and Library of Congress, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Wigmore Hall in London, and the Tonhalle in Zurich. The resident quartet of the Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival and formerly resident quartet of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, the Mendelssohn String Quartet has performed at the Caramoor Festival, the Festival Pablo Casals in Prades, France, and makes frequent appearances at New York's Mostly Mozart Festival as well as the Ravinia, Aspen, and Saratoga Music Festivals. They were the first American ensemble invited to appear at the International Dialogues Festival in Kiev, Ukraine. The quartet is often heard across the United States on Minnesota Public Radio's *Saint Paul Sunday*.

Twenty-six-year-old American pianist Jonathan Biss has already proved himself an accomplished and exceptional musician with a flourishing international reputation through his orchestral, recital, and chamber music performances in North America and Europe. Noted for his prodigious technique, intriguing programs, artistic maturity, and versatility, Biss performs a diverse repertoire ranging from Mozart and Beethoven,

through the Romantics to Janáček and Schoenberg as well as works by contemporary composers, including several commissions.

Photographs of the Mendelssohn String Quartet and Jonathan Biss are available for print and web.

Attention Calendar Editors

Mendelssohn String Quartet with Jonathan Biss on piano

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield

Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 8pm

One of today's most elegant chamber groups joins forces with a fiery young pianist to present a program of Beethoven, Bartok, and Elgar.

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