

ABOUT UNITY CHAPEL

In 1886, Chicago architect Joseph Lyman Silsbee designed Unity Chapel for the Lloyd-Jones family, the ancestors of Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright, a teenager at the time it was built, is purported to have worked on the chapel's construction, and actually did work for Silsbee's Chicago architectural firm a few years later. Wright's family were Welsh immigrants of Unitarian faith and they built the chapel as a symbol of thanksgiving for the beautiful, rich farmland and good life the river valley afforded. In 1974, in recognition of its longevity and importance to the community, the chapel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

THE PROGRAM

August 13, 2018, 7:30 pm

Ancora String Quartet

Wes Luke, violin
Robin Ryan, violin
Marika Fischer Hoyt, viola
Benjamin Whitcomb, cello

La Oración del Torero (Bullfighter's Prayer), Op. 34
Joaquín Turina

Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4 'Sunrise'
Franz Joseph Haydn

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String Quartet in B Minor, Op. 11
Samuel Barber

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ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

The Ancora String Quartet, based in Madison, WI, has been delighting audiences since its start in 2008. The four players have well-established individual musical careers as soloists, chamber musicians and orchestral players. They perform constantly in Madison and beyond, appearing regularly in such ensembles as the Madison Symphony Orchestra, the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, the Madison Bach Musicians, the Wisconsin Baroque Ensemble, and the Bach Collegium of Fort Wayne IN.

Wes Luke is a violinist and educator who performs and teaches across the upper Midwest. With degrees from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he currently serves as the Concertmaster of the LaCrosse (WI) Symphony Orchestra, the Principle Second Violinist of the Dubuque (IA) Symphony Orchestra, and a section violinist in the Madison (WI) Symphony Orchestra.

Robin Ryan is a violinist with the Madison Symphony Orchestra. Robin, originally from Massachusetts, studied violin at the New England Conservatory of Music. Also an attorney, Robin is currently the Director of Community Justice Programs for ARC Community Services, Inc., an organization that provides services for women in Wisconsin.

Marika Fischer Hoyt maintains a demanding concert schedule on modern and baroque viola. On modern viola, she is a member of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and serves as contractor and principal violist of the Sinfonia Sacra of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. On baroque viola she plays with the Madison Bach Musicians, the Bach Collegium of Fort Wayne, IN, the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra, and the Wisconsin Baroque Ensemble.

Dr. Benjamin Whitcomb, cellist and music theorist, has earned an international reputation as a performer and teacher of music. An active recitalist and chamber musician, he performs more than thirty concerts a year. He appears regularly on Wisconsin Public Radio. Benjamin is currently Professor of Cello and Music Theory at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

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