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# Tokyo String Quartet

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

The **Tokyo String Quartet** has been featured on numerous television programs, including *Sesame Street*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, PBS's *Great Performances*, and *CNN This Morning*. The Quartet has captivated audiences and critics alike since it was founded almost 40 years ago. The **Tokyo String Quartet** has collaborated with a remarkable array of artists and composers and built a comprehensive catalog of critically acclaimed recordings. Performing over a hundred concerts worldwide each season, the **Tokyo String Quartet** has a devoted international fan base from the major capitals of the world and extending to all four corners, from Australia to Estonia to Scandinavia and the Far East.

The group's repertoire includes the complete quartets by Beethoven and Schubert, as well as works from Brahms, Debussy, Mozart, and Ravel.

The Quartet was officially formed in 1969 at the Juilliard School of Music. An exclusive contract with Deutsche Grammophon firmly established it as one of the world's leading quartets, and the Quartet has since released more than 40 landmark recordings.

The ensemble performs on the "Paganini Quartet," a group of renowned Stradivarius instruments named for legendary virtuoso Niccolò Paganini, who acquired and played them during the 19th century. The instruments have been on loan to the ensemble from the Nippon Music Foundation since 1995, when they were purchased from the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

