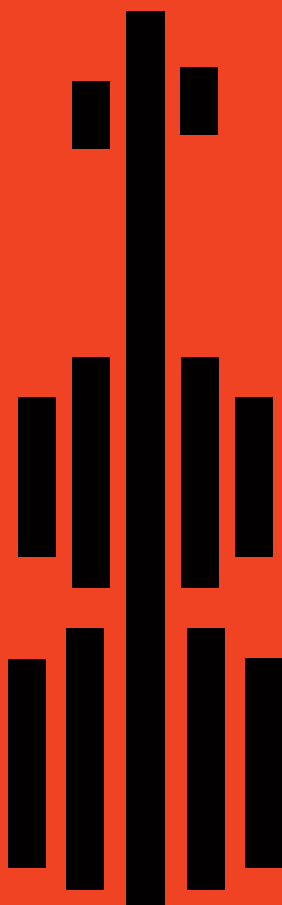


BANFF INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET COMPETITION

AUG. 29 – SEPT. 4, 2022



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Rocky
Mountain
Range,
Banff
National
Park.
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BANFF INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET COMPETITION

(BISQC)

BISQC • (bisk) noun (est. 1983)

1. Acronym for Banff International String Quartet Competition.
2. Renowned string quartet competition; presents the world's best young quartets under the age of 35, vying for over \$500,000 in cash, prizes, and opportunities.
3. A triennial event, hosted by Banff Centre since 1983, giving audiences an in-depth and behind-the-scenes experience with the world's premier up and coming quartets.

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Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity • noun (est. 1933)

1. Banff Centre exists for the advancement of creative potential that enriches our world. It is a post-secondary institution, a place of convening and thought leadership, and a publicly accessible campus for events, festivals, performances and exhibitions. Banff Centre brings artists, leaders, and communities together to create, collaborate, share, envision, learn, and be inspired.
2. Home to BISQC quartets, jury, audience, and special guests from August 29 – September 4, 2022.
3. Inspired by its unique home in the mountains on Treaty 7 territory, in Banff National Park, and the Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, whether delivering programming on-campus or online.

banffcentre.ca



Viano String
Quartet,
Co-winners
of BISQC
2019. Photo
by Jessica
Wittman.



Welcome

For one incredible week
this summer, the 14th
Banff International String

Quartet Competition is the destination for music lovers. Join us as ten of the best young quartets in the world compete for the largest chamber music prize in the world, and a chance to launch their international careers.

With a rich schedule of concerts, lectures, special events and shared meals, the musicians are supported and inspired by our legendary passionate audience.

With the unparalleled beauty of the Banff National Park as our home, and the magnificent facilities of Banff Centre featuring the new Jenny Belzberg Theatre, magic awaits.

Whether you stay for the entire week, the finals weekend or attend individual recitals, we look forward to welcoming you to Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Shiffman', written in a fluid, cursive style.

Barry Shiffman

Director

Banff International String Quartet Competition



Celebration of Excellence

**BISQC winners are now the
“Who’s Who” of the World’s Greats:**

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| 2019 | Marmen Quartet and
Viano String Quartet
co-winners |
| 2016 | Rolston String Quartet |
| 2013 | Dover Quartet |
| 2010 | Cecilia String Quartet |
| 2007 | Tinalley String Quartet |
| 2004 | Jupiter Quartet |
| 2001 | Daedalus Quartet |
| 1998 | Miró Quartet |
| 1995 | Amernet String Quartet |
| 1992 | St. Lawrence String Quartet |
| 1989 | Quatuor Manfred |
| 1986 | Franciscan Quartet |
| 1983 | Colorado Quartet |



Marmen Quartet,
Viano String
Quartet, Co-winners
of BISQC 2019.
Photo by Jessica
Wittman.



“From the very first day we set foot at the Banff Centre with nine other quartets, BISQC was nothing short of a career-changing experience! It is so much more than a competition; creating a strong community and network of incredible musicians, fostering everyone’s excitement not only to work hard but to love what we do. The career opportunities that we and our peers at BISQC have had as a result have been absolutely invaluable.”

**-DOVER QUARTET BISQC 2013
FIRST PLACE LAUREATES**



Awards

During BISQC 2022, quartets will vie for the opportunity to launch their careers by competing for the largest prizes for chamber music in the world.

FIRST PLACE LAUREATES

One quartet will be awarded a custom-designed, three-year artistic and career development program which includes:

- \$25,000 CAD cash prize;
- Winner's Concert Tours in career-building markets in Europe and North America, arranged by Banff Centre;
- A two-week residency at Banff Centre including a recording produced by Banff Centre;
- Coaching, career guidance, and mentorship;
- Southern Methodist University Peak Fellowship Residency Prize which includes a two-year paid visiting residency at the Meadows School involving performances, coaching, and mentorship. This residency is valued at over \$200,000 CAD.
- Esterhazy Foundation Residency including concerts at Haydn Hall in Eisenstadt and the Lucerne Festival.



Rolston String Quartet, Winners of BISQC 2016. Photo by BOHUANG.
Dover Quartet, Winners of BISQC 2013. Photo by Carlin Ma.



SECOND PLACE LAUREATES:

- \$12,000 CAD cash prize;
- A creative residency at Banff Centre including coaching and mentorship opportunities.

THIRD PLACE LAUREATES:

- \$8,000 CAD cash prize;
- A creative residency at Banff Centre including coaching and mentorship opportunities.

THE R.S. WILLIAMS & SONS HAYDN PRIZE:

\$4,000 CAD for the best performance of a Haydn quartet from Round 1.

THE R.S. WILLIAMS & SONS CANADIAN COMMISSION PRIZE:

\$4,000 CAD for the best performance in Round 3 of the newly commissioned quartet by Dinuk Wijeratne.

CHRISTINE AND DAVID ANDERSON PRIZES:

In recognition of the extraordinary level of artistry that BISQC attracts, all 7 quartets not advancing to the finals will receive a \$5,000 CAD prize to support their emerging careers.

Marmen Quartet, Viano String Quartet, Co-winners of BISQC 2019.
Photo by Jessica Wittman.



Viano String
Quartet, Co-winners
of BISQC 2019.
Photo by Jessica
Wittman.

The BISQC Experience

Sunday, August 28 – Resident Audience Arrivals Evening Welcome Reception

DAY 1: MONDAY, AUG. 29

21st Century Haydn Round

Quartets will perform a complete work by Franz Joseph Haydn from a preselected list, as well as a complete quartet written in 2000 or later

Morning: James Ehnes *Chamber Music in my Life*
A conversation with James Ehnes,
hosted by Barry Shiffman

Afternoon: Competition Concert 1

Evening: Competition Concert 2

DAY 2: TUESDAY, AUG. 30

21st Century Haydn Round Continued

Quartets will perform a complete work by Franz Joseph Haydn from a preselected list, as well as a complete quartet written in 2000 or later

Morning: Lecture by Denis Brott, *In the Bank: origins of
Canada Council's Music Instrument Bank and its
future*

Competition Concert 3

Afternoon: Competition Concert 4

Evening: Competition Concert 5

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

Romantic Round

Quartets perform a complete quartet from the romantic or nationalistic repertoire

Morning: Excursion options to enjoy your
surroundings without missing a single note

Afternoon: Competition Concert 6

Evening: Competition Concert 7



**“A violinist
in a class of
his own.”**

- THE TIMES

James Ehnes.
Photo by Ben Ealovega.

DAY 4: THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

Romantic Round continued, plus Alumni Gala

- Morning:** Competition Concert 8
- Afternoon:** excursion options to enjoy your surroundings without missing a single note
- Evening:** Alumni Gala Concert featuring violinist James Ehnes, pianist Marc-André Hamelin, as well as 2019 co-winners Marmen Quartet and Viano String Quartet

**“Davóne Tines is changing what it means
to be a classical singer. The bass-
baritone’s daring recitals feel almost
like compositions in themselves.”**

- ALEX ROSS, THE NEW YORKER

Marc-André Hamelin
Photo by Sim Cannety-Clarke.



Davóne
Tines.
Photo
by Kjohn
Lasoul.



PUBLIQuartet
Photo by
Lelaine Foster.

DAY 5: FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

Canadian Commission Round, plus Special Event

All 10 quartets will perform the Canadian Commissioned work by composer Dinuk Wijeratne

Morning: A discussion between Dinuk Wijeratne and Barry Shiffman
Competition Concert 9 – All ten quartets perform the Canadian Commission

Evening: This special event presentation includes two new productions: Davóne Tines' celebrated *Recital No. 1: MASS*, and PUBLIQuartet's *Reflections on Beauty*, chronicling the life of Madam C.J. Walker, the first female African-American self-made millionaire

DAY 6: SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

Recital Ad-Lib Round

A performance of up to 35 minutes programmed with a repertoire of the Quartet's choosing. This round may include full works or single movements

Morning: Lecture by MacArthur Fellow Sebastian Ruth, *Toward Many Publics: Music, Musicians, and Rethinking Purpose*

Competition Concert 10

Afternoon: Competition Concert 11

Evening: Competition Concert 12

Late evening: Announcement of the three finalists

DAY 7: SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

Beethoven Finals

The three finalists perform a quartet by Beethoven

Morning: excursion options to enjoy your surroundings without missing a single note

Afternoon: Final Competition Concert
Awards Ceremony Announcement of Winning Quartet

Note: Schedule subject to change

Lectures

Package purchasers and passport holders enjoy exclusive access to the lecture series with an all-star line-up planning to shed light on various topics

Plan ahead

Purchase your package or passport during the early renewal period for the first opportunity to book seats in the new Jenny Belzberg Theatre

“Many competitions exist for chamber music, but no competition is as prestigious for string quartets exclusively as Banff. Having served on the jury twice—once in the preliminary screening round and once for the live auditions in Banff—I can say, without any doubt, that the judging was honest and transparent. The Banff Competition has certainly helped launch the careers of many deserving young string quartets.”

**-PHILIP SETZER,
EMERSON STRING QUARTET**

Audience Packages

With various options to choose from, we make it easy for you to enjoy every note of the 14th BISQC by staying on site in the comfort of Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity's hotels with full amenities. All package prices are in Canadian dollars and include all fees and taxes.

FULL WEEK PACKAGE - RESIDENT AUDIENCE

(Sunday, Aug 28 – Monday, Sept 5, 2022)

- accommodation for 8 nights
- meals in Vistas Dining Room *
- reserved seating to all performances
- access to all lectures and special events
- commemorative competition program booklet
- use of on-site extensive fitness, aquatic, and recreation facilities

Tier A Seating:

Solo	\$3,788.22
Duo	\$5,493.67

Tier B Seating:

Solo	\$3,536.22
Duo	\$4,989.67

Three easy ways to book your BISQC getaway:

1. Book your package or passport at: bisqc.ca
2. Full week and weekend packages: Call Banff Centre Reservations team at 1.800.884.7574 or 403.762.6308.
3. Passports: Call Banff Centre Box Office at 1.800.413.8368 or 403.762.6301

WEEKEND PACKAGES

Can't make it for the entire week? Join us for the finals weekend.

4-Day Package (Thursday, Sept 1 – Monday, Sept 5, 2022)

- accommodation for 4 nights
- reserved seating to concerts and events commencing Thursday evening and continuing through to the Finals
- meals start at dinner on Thursday in Vistas Dining Room **
- commemorative competition program booklet
- access to weekend lectures and special events

Tier A Seating:

Solo	\$2,114.19
Duo	\$3,181.16

Tier B Seating:

Solo	\$1,944.09
Duo	\$2,840.96

3-Day Package (Friday, Sept 2 – Monday, Sept 5, 2022)

- accommodation for 3 nights
- reserved seating to concerts and events commencing Friday evening and continuing through to the Finals
- meals start at dinner on Friday in Vistas Dining Room **
- commemorative competition program booklet
- access to weekend lectures and special events

Tier A Seating:

Solo	\$1,599.18
Duo	\$2,413.07

Tier B Seating:

Solo	\$1,466.88
Duo	\$2,148.47

Please Note:

All prices are in Canadian Dollars and include all fees and taxes.

* Full week packages include arrival day dinner and departure day breakfast. All meals from Monday, Aug 29 to Sunday, Sept 4 are included with the exception of Wednesday, Aug 31 lunch which is not included in the package price.

** Weekend packages include all meals from arrival day dinner to departure day breakfast from Friday, Sept 2 (or Sept 1 for a Thursday arrival) to Monday, Sept 5.

Current COVID safety measures require attendees to provide proof of full vaccination, a negative PCR or rapid test result taken within 72 hours of arrival, or original proof of medical exemption. Full details at bisqc.ca

Full refunds available up to July 1, 2022, with 50% refund by Aug 1, 2022.

PASSPORT

(Monday, Aug 29 – Sunday, Sept 4, 2022)

Tailored to our audiences who do not require accommodation or meals at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity but still want to experience it all. Passports include reserved seating to all performances and access to all lectures and special BISQC events at a discount over individual ticket pricing.

Tier A Seating:

\$829.08

Tier B Seating:

\$577.08

ON SALE DATES:

**Packages/Passports – pre-purchase available
for past audience members Jan 26**



Rolston
String
Quartet,
Winners
of BISQC
2016.



Omer
Quartet,
BISQC
2019. Photo
by Donald
Lee.

Jenny Belzberg Theatre




All performances during BISQC take place in the Jenny Belzberg Theatre at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

When you purchase your resident audience package, the same seat will be reserved for you for the entire competition.

If you are a past BISQC package or passport purchaser, up to March 30 you will be given priority for seating preferences in the order requests are received, before new package seating assignments begin - **the sooner you book, the better selection of seats to choose from!**

Due to expected initial volume of sales, preferred booking method is on-line. When making your booking request, fill in "seat selection" with your preferred seating choice and a Banff Centre Box Office representative will be in touch to arrange seating specifics based on the order requests are received.



-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Tier A Seating
-  Tier B Seating

Wheelchair and Accessibility Seating Requirements

If you or your partner require wheelchair or other special needs seating requirements, please include on your booking request or mention to the agent upon booking.

Individual Ticket Pricing

**Individual ticket sales are subject to availability,
and may go on sale Wednesday, May 4, 2022.**

Tier A Seating:

Concerts 1 to 9	\$58
Alumni Gala & Special Event	\$85
Concerts 10 & 11	\$65
Concert 12	\$75
Finals	\$90

In consideration of the nature of the competition,
we require that children be 10 years of age or older
to attend concerts and be able to sit quietly for
long periods.

Tier B Seating:

Concerts 1 to 9	\$38
Alumni Gala & Special Event	\$65
Concerts 10 & 11	\$45
Concert 12	\$55
Finals	\$70

Service charges

Individual ticket prices include service charges. Banff Centre is a not-for-profit organization and service charges help us deliver exceptional customer service, and cover the costs of operating. GST will be added to individual ticket prices. GST: 11921 4955RT0001

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Banff Centre Box Office

1.800.413.8368

403.762.6301



Top to bottom: Lake Minnewanka; Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre. Photos by Mike Seehagel; Sunshine Meadows. Photo by Dan Evans. Images courtesy of Banff Lake Louise Tourism.




Explore the Canadian Rockies

Nestled in Canada's first national park in the heart of the spectacular Rocky Mountains, Banff attracts some 4 million visitors a year. With towering peaks and clear alpine lakes and streams, breath-taking scenery awaits at every turn.

Be inspired and rejuvenated in this UNESCO World Heritage site, without missing any of the music. Opportunities will be available for pre-planned excursions to explore the area, or embark on your own adventures. Either way, we hope you take advantage of easy access to endless outdoor activities in Banff National Park.

**Information on excursion options
will be available to resident
audience members in June 2022.**



Receive a 15% discount on Banff Airporter's daily scheduled shuttle service to/from the Calgary Airport and Banff. Locally owned and operated, Banff Airporter is the official airport shuttle provider for BISQC and Banff Centre (code will be shared after package booking). Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel into the Canadian Rockies.



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