

THE BANFF CENTRE

BISQC

Banff

International
String Quartet
Competition

Aug 29 - Sept 4, 2016



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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 \$150,000 in cash and prizes
3. a triennial event, hosted by The 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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1. Canada's arts and cultural organization providing multidisciplinary programming and advancing the practice of artists and leaders; a centre of excellence in convening conferences and meetings
2. home to BISQC quartets, jury, audience, and special guests from August 29 – September 4, 2016
3. located in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, in Banff, Alberta, Canada

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EVERY THREE YEARS, THE WORLD'S BEST COMPETE IN BANFF.

For over 30 years, BISQC has given audiences an in-depth and behind-the-scenes look at the thrill and heartbreak of a live chamber music competition, while providing the world's best young string quartets unparalleled exposure to concert presenters, managers, and broadcasters from North America and abroad.

**The next competition will run from
August 29 to September 4, 2016.**





Winning BISQC has been life-changing for the four of us!
The performance opportunities have been fantastic, and
BISQC's career support and counsel are truly invaluable.

Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt, violist
Dover Quartet, BISQC 2013, First Place Laureates

CELEBRATING THE NEXT GENERATION.

Past BISQC Winners

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

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET COMPETITION.

Since its inception in 1983, hundreds of string quartets have been accepted to BISQC. In 2013, we received applications from the world's best young string quartets representing the Americas, Europe and Asia, all vying for more than \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

2016 rules and regulations available at bisqc.ca



MEET THE BISQC PEOPLE.

Director



Barry Shiffman
Director, Banff International
String Quartet Competition

Competition Jury Members



Vera Beths, Violin (Netherlands)
Formerly with Rondon Kwartet



Geoff Nuttall, Violin (Canada)
St. Lawrence String Quartet



Denis Brott, Cello (Canada)
Formerly with Orford String Quartet



Peter Salaff, Violin (United States)
Formerly with Cleveland Quartet



Gérard Caussé, Viola (France)
Formerly with Quatuor Via Nova,
Quatuor Parrenin



Alasdair Tait, Cello
(United Kingdom)
Formerly with Belcea Quartet



Yoshiko Nakura, Violin (Japan)
Formerly with Tokyo String Quartet

WHAT BAYREUTH IS
TO WAGNERIANS...
BANFF IS TO INSIDERS
OF THE STRING
QUARTET WORLD.

Wes Blomster
The Strad Magazine



THE BANFF CENTRE IS AT YOUR SERVICE.

Accreditation

With hotel-style accommodations on-site and a variety of dining outlets, The Banff Centre is pleased to host accredited media representatives during BISQC. Media rates are negotiable, and we work closely with Banff Lake Louise Tourism and Travel Alberta to offset additional costs of travel, accommodation, and sightseeing while in the Banff area.

Interviews

The Banff Centre can facilitate both on-site and telephone interviews with competing quartets, jury members, guest lecturers, and administrators to learn first-hand about their BISQC experience.

Remote Broadcasting

The Banff Centre has the space and technology to accommodate any format of remote broadcast. In the past, the Centre has hosted full broadcasts of radio and television programming.

Content

Contact us for behind-the-scenes footage, artist interviews, and podcasts produced at The Banff Centre that you can use to enhance your stories.

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