

Pacifica Quartet – 2011-2012 Short Bio

Recognized for its virtuosity, exuberant performance style, and often-daring repertory choices, the Grammy Award-winning Pacifica Quartet tours extensively worldwide. Named *Musical America's* 2009 Ensemble of the Year, the Quartet has gained international stature as one of the finest chamber ensembles performing today. Shortly after its 1994 formation, the Pacifica won the 1998 Naumburg Prize, and has since received many honors, including being appointed quartet-in-residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Quartet presented the monumental Shostakovich cycle in Chicago and New York during the 2010-2011 season, and in the summer of 2011, presented the complete Beethoven cycle at Tokyo's Suntory Hall in an unprecedented presentation of five concerts in three days. In 2011-2012, the Quartet will take the Shostakovich cycle to London's Wigmore Hall and will also perform the Beethoven cycle at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and for the Denver Friends of Chamber Music. The members of the Pacifica Quartet were appointed to the faculty of the University of Illinois in 2003 and serve as quartet-in-residence. They are also resident performing artists at the University of Chicago.

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