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McGill's string quartet triumphs at Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition *First Canadian ensemble to win Grand Prize at prestigious event*

The Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet of McGill University has won two top honours at the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition held at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. The Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet won the Gold Medal in the Senior String category and became the very first Canadian ensemble to win the Grand Prize at this prestigious event.

The Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet is made up of Emmanuel Vukovich and Aya Ito (violin), Frederic Lambert (viola), and Christian Elliott (cello).

The Gold Medal is accompanied by a cash prize of \$3,000. The Grand Prize, which was awarded by the unanimous decision of the judges, includes a prize of \$7,500, a concert tour of the American Midwest in October 2005, and select appearances in Italy at the Emilia Romagna Festival in the summer of 2006.

"This is an outstanding feat, and a well-deserved honour for this unique group," said Professor André Roy, who coaches the quartet. "The excitement, the unity, the depth of the musical language of these young musicians – everything testifies to the superb work at all levels within the Faculty of Music. This international recognition is a great reflection on the students and McGill."

The Lloyd Carr-Harris String Quartet is among the most respected young quartets in Canada. It won the Sir Ernest McMillan Memorial Foundation Scholarship in 2004. Formed in 2002 under the supervision of Roy, its members are recipients of scholarships from the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation for their studies at McGill.

The quartet performs the works of composers including Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. It has also recorded the works of Canadian composer Brian Cherney for McGill Records, with renowned sound recording engineer Martha de Francisco.

After a special appearance at the Lanaudière International Festival in spring of 2004, the LCH Quartet undertook its first tour to Europe where it was invited to open the 'Les Amis de la Musique' concert series in Chamonix, France, followed by three performances at the Casalmaggiore International Festival in Italy.

Violinist Emmanuel Vukovich was recently awarded the Orford String Quartet scholarship award by the Ontario Arts Council.

About the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition

The Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition is one of the largest of its kind in North America. Founded in 1973, the Competition's purpose is to encourage emerging instrumental chamber music ensembles and to provide a forum for their talents. Each year students from the finest American conservatories and music schools participate, together with ensembles from more than twenty countries on the five continents.

About the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation

The Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation is a private Canadian foundation established in 1993. It was the late Lloyd Carr-Harris' wish that his assets be used to fund areas of education, music and medical research. The Foundation is one of the largest benefactors of McGill's Faculty of Music. It also provides major financial support to McGill, including the Montreal Neurological Institute, in the field of medicine.

About McGill University

McGill University is Canada's leading research-intensive university and has earned an international reputation for scholarly achievement and scientific discovery. Founded in 1821, McGill has 21 faculties and professional schools which offer more than 300 programs from the undergraduate to the doctoral level. McGill attracts renowned professors and researchers from around the world and top students from more than 140 countries, creating one of the most dynamic and diverse education environments in North America. There are approximately 23,000 undergraduate students and 7,000 graduate students. It is one of two Canadian members of the American Association of Universities. McGill's two campuses are located in Montreal, Canada.