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**THE DYNAMIC MIRÓ QUARTET TO PLAY**

**(Beaufort, SC)** – The Lowcountry’s Premier Chamber Music Concert presents Charles Wadsworth (host and artistic director), Edward Arron (associate director) and the Miró Quartet, Sunday, April 6 at 5 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Performing Arts Center.

The dynamic Quartet, one of America's highest-profile chamber groups, has risen to the top of the international chamber music scene in only a decade, captivating audiences and critics around the world with its youthful intensity and mature interpretations.

The Miró Quartet, founded in 1995 at the Oberlin Conservatory, met with immediate success, winning first prize at the 50th annual Coleman Chamber Music Competition in April 1996, and taking both the first and grand prizes at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition two months later. Earning first prize at the 1998 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the Miró Quartet also won the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 2000. In 2005, the Quartet was the first ensemble to be awarded the coveted Avery Fisher Career Grant, and received the Cleveland Quartet Award that year as well.

Recent Miró Quartet seasons have included concerts in some of the world's most important concert venues, such as Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, the Berlin Philharmonic's Kammermusiksaal, the Konzerthaus in Vienna, and at the Dresden Music Festival. The Miró Quartet has been Quartet-in-Residence at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Two, and was named to the Distinctive Debut Series of Carnegie Hall, which provided for a local concert and debut appearances in Cologne, Stockholm, Brussels, London, Vienna, Amsterdam and Athens. The ensemble made its Tokyo debut in 2001 in a concert benefiting families and victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The Miró Quartet is named for the Spanish artist Joan Miró, whose surrealist works — with subject matter drawn from the realm of memory and imaginative fantasy — are some of the most original of the 20th century. Additional information about the Quartet may be found on the remaining pages of this website.

Individual ticket prices are as follows: B&C \$50, A&D \$45, and E & F \$40. For more information on seating and reservations, please contact the Beaufort Visitor Center, 1-800-638-3525 or 1-843-986-5400, ext. 34.

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