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## **JERUSALEM QUARTET RETURNS TO ORANGE COUNTY THIS OCTOBER FOR AN ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE**



**(IRVINE, CA, October 1, 2025)**—The Philharmonic Society of Orange County proudly presents the return of the internationally acclaimed **Jerusalem Quartet** on **Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 8pm at the Irvine Barclay Theatre**. Hailed by *The Times (London)* for their “Passion, precision, warmth...,” the quartet will present a compelling program showcasing their renowned virtuosity. The evening’s repertoire will include Haydn’s *Sunrise*, Janáček’s *Kreutzer Sonata*, and Beethoven’s quartet in B-flat major.

Since the ensemble's founding in 1993 and subsequent 1996 debut, the four Israeli musicians have embarked on a journey of growth and maturation. This journey has resulted in a wide

repertoire and stunning depth of expression, which carries on the string quartet tradition in a unique manner. The ensemble has found its core in a warm, full, human sound and an egalitarian balance between high and low voices. This approach allows the quartet to maintain a healthy relationship between individual expression and a transparent and respectful presentation of the composer's work. It is also the drive and motivation for the continuing refinement of its interpretations of the classical repertoire as well as exploration of new epochs. The **Jerusalem Quartet** is a regular and beloved guest on the world's great concert stages. Recent appearances include a Beethoven quartet cycle at Wigmore Hall in London; a Bartok cycle at the Salzburg Festival; their third annual String Quartet seminar in Crans Montana Switzerland; and since 2022 a residency at the Jerusalem Academy of Music.

Since 2005, the Jerusalem Quartet has released 16 albums for Harmonia Mundi, which have been honored with numerous awards such as the *Diapason d'Or* and the BBC Music Magazine Award for chamber music. Their latest releases include a unique album exploring Jewish music in Central Europe between the wars including a collection of Yiddish Cabaret songs from Warsaw in the 1920s, featuring Israeli Soprano Hila Baggio, and the second (and last) album of their complete Bartók cycle. The quartet has toured extensively across Europe, performing in Sweden, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Lisbon, and Amsterdam. They have also toured Asia, with appearances in major venues such as Tokyo's Suntory Hall and the Seoul Arts Center. In North America, the ensemble has performed in cities including New York, Miami, Denver, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Ann Arbor, Houston, and Portland, among others.

This concert will take place at Irvine Barclay Theatre located at 4242 Campus Dr, Irvine, CA 92612. Ticket prices for this event start at \$42 and are available at the Philharmonic Society box office at (949) 553-2422, online at [www.philharmonicsociety.org](http://www.philharmonicsociety.org), at the Irvine Barclay Theatre box office at (949) 854-4646, and online at [www.TheBarclay.org](http://www.TheBarclay.org).

## **ABOUT PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY:**

Founded in 1954 as Orange County's first music organization, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County presents national and international performances of the highest quality and provides dynamic and innovative music education programs for individuals of all ages to enhance the lives of Orange County audiences through music.

Since its inception, the Philharmonic Society has evolved and grown with the county's changing landscape, presenting artists and orchestras who set the standard for artistic achievement from Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Yo-Yo Ma, and Renée Fleming to the Berlin Philharmonic, Vienna Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and many others. In addition, the Philharmonic Society celebrates multi-disciplinary performances under its Eclectic Orange brand and embraces music from a wide range of countries with its World Music performances. Its celebrated concerts introduce children to classical music with creative and inspiring performances, instilling music appreciation for future generations.

The Philharmonic Society's nationally recognized Youth Music Education Programs, offered free of charge, engage more than 100,000 students annually through curriculum-based music education programs that aim to inspire, expand imaginations, and encourage learning at all levels. These programs are made possible by the Committees of the Philharmonic Society comprised of 500 volunteer members who provide more than 90,000 hours of in-kind service each year. As a key youth program, the exceptional Orange County Youth Symphony and String Ensemble provide top-tier training to the area's most talented young musicians through multi-level ensemble instruction, leadership training, touring opportunities, challenging professional repertoire, and performances in world-class venues. The Philharmonic Society also promotes life-long learning by connecting with colleges and universities to conduct masterclasses and workshops and providing pre-concert lectures to introduce audiences to program selections.

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<b>WHAT:</b>	Jerusalem Quartet  Alexander Pavlovsky, violin Sergei Bresler, violin Ori Kam, viola Kyril Zlotnikov, cello
<b>WHEN:</b>	Thursday, October 23, 2025, 8pm
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>HAYDN:</b> Quartet in B-flat major, Op. 76, No. 4 ("Sunrise") <b>JANÁČEK:</b> String Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata" <b>BEETHOVEN:</b> Quartet in B-flat major, Op. 130 (with Grosse Fuge finale, Op. 133)
<b>WHERE:</b>	Irvine Barclay Theatre 4242 Campus Dr., Irvine, CA 92612
<b>TICKETS</b> <b>AND</b>	Ticket prices start at \$42 Call for pricing and availability.
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