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**MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION PRESENTS THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED
DEBUT OF THE “INVIGORATING AND DEEPLY SATISFYING”
BEO STRING QUARTET WITH MICHEL TADDEI, GUEST ARTIST
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7 PM**

**THE PLUSH CALIDORE STRING QUARTET
SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 7 PM IN SEASON 43 FINALE**



Beo String Quartet

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Burlingame, Calif. (Friday, April 10, 2026) — **Music at Kohl Mansion (MAKM)** continues its thrilling season this spring with the presentation of two highly notable and critically acclaimed chamber music ensembles: the bold, hip and genre-defying ensemble **Beo String Quartet,*** with guest artist **Michel Taddei***, double bass, April 19; and the world renowned **Calidore String Quartet**, May 3.

MAKM Executive Director **Patricia Kristof Moy** said, “Our 2026 series continues to feature some of the world’s finest ensembles in the stunning, intimate setting of the Kohl Mansion —where musical excellence meets unforgettable listening. The promise of brilliance in every note, spanning centuries of music from Bach to Bartók, Korngold to Glass, and some of today’s freshest voices, are on the program. I am delighted to say we’ve been waiting a long time to present these artists and look forward to sharing the excitement.”

Widely regarded as one of the Bay Area's premier destinations for intimate music-making, Kohl Mansion provides an ideal setting for chamber music's expressive depth and nuance. In their recap of the 2025 season, *San Francisco Classical Voice* proclaimed, **"Music at Kohl Mansion presents chamber music concerts at a grand Burlingame estate. Fortunately for listeners, the hall itself is rather more intimate. Sitting mere feet from the stage, you feel as though you're inside the music."**

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**Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 7 p.m.**

**BEO STRING QUARTET\*** with guest artist **Michel Taddei\***, double bass

**Jason Neukom & Andrew "Gio" Giordano, violins; Sean Neukom, viola; Ryan Ash, cello**

J.S. Bach: Selections from *The Art of Fugue*, BWV 1080

Philip Glass: String Quartet No. 3, *Mishima*

Sean Neukom: *El Balcón*

Gabriela Ortiz: *Mictlán (Place of the Dead)*, from *Altar de Muertos*

Antonín Dvořák: Double Bass Quintet in G Major, Op. 77

**"This is an ensemble whose music making speaks to the heart as well as the mind."** (Grammy-winning composer Richard Danielpour, Curtis Institute of Music)

**"Superior technique wrapped in a classic sound ... invigorating and deeply satisfying."** (*New York Classical Review*)

With 65 world premieres to its credit and 150 concert works played throughout the United States, South America, and Europe, the iconoclastic Beo String Quartet does what it loves best: playing classical repertoire, contemporary, rock, and experimental music. From the Latin "to make happy," Beo started out as a lark. Two Mexican-American brothers, Jason Neukom and Sean Neukom, decided to record a song entitled "Happy, Happy," composed by Sean, but for that they would need two more players.

And so, in 2015 the Beo String Quartet was formed. The eclectic and highly polished Beo String Quartet has created a niche for itself as a daring, genre-defying ensemble. Rigorously trained in the classical tradition, the musicians also know their way around contemporary expression, including the use of electronics, live sound processing, and spatial audio manipulation. In 2023, the Beo Quartet made an auspicious New York debut at the famed J.P. Morgan Library in a concert that was hailed as "outstanding" by the *New York Classical Review*. Undaunted by artistic or logistical challenges, the Beo play the masters in a variety of settings, collaborate with living composers, and explore technology's capacity to the fullest. [www.beostringquartet.com](http://www.beostringquartet.com)

Joining the Beo Quartet for this concert is the highly sought-after double bass musician **Michel Taddei** who is a founding member of the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble, and the Principal Bass of the Mendocino Music Festival, Berkeley Symphony, Bay Philharmonic, and San Francisco and Pacific Chamber Orchestras. Taddei has performed with the San Francisco Symphony and New Century Chamber Orchestras, and his extensive credits include performances with Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble in the U.S. and in Central Asia.

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 7 p.m.**

## **CALIDORE STRING QUARTET**

**Jeffrey Myers & Ryan Meehan, violins; Jeremy Berry, viola; Estelle Choi, cello**

W. A. Mozart: Divertimento in F Major, K. 138

Erich Wolfgang Korngold: String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 34

Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3, "Razumovsky"

**"The kind of sublimity other quartets spend a lifetime seeking." (*LA Times*)**

The Calidore String Quartet is recognized as one of the world's foremost interpreters of a vast chamber music repertory, from the cycles of quartets by Beethoven and Mendelssohn to works of celebrated contemporary voices like György Kurtág, Jörg Widmann, and Caroline Shaw. For more than a decade, the Calidore has enjoyed performances and residencies in the world's major venues and festivals, released multiple critically acclaimed recordings, and won numerous awards. The New York City based Calidore String Quartet has appeared in venues throughout North America, Europe, and Asia including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, London's Wigmore Hall, Berlin's Konzerthaus, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Brussels' BOZAR, and at major festivals such as the BBC Proms, Verbier, Ravinia and Music@Menlo. Founded at the Colburn School in Los Angeles in 2010, the Calidore String Quartet has won top prizes at major US chamber music competitions, including the Fischhoff, Coleman, Chesapeake, and Yellow Springs. [www.calidorestringquartet.com](http://www.calidorestringquartet.com)

### **CONCERT TICKETS**

Individual tickets to all concerts are priced \$62 (Adult), \$60 (Seniors, Age 62 and older) and \$30 (Youth, Age 30 and younger). To purchase tickets, visit [www.musicatkohl.org](http://www.musicatkohl.org) or call the MAKM Box Office (650) 762-1130. All performances begin at 7 p.m. Ticket holders are invited to a complimentary post-performance wine and sweets reception with the artists.

### **YOUNG CHAMBER MUSICIANS MASTERCLASS AT 5 P.M.**

MAKM proudly collaborates with founder **Susan Bates** and the award-winning **Young Chamber Musicians** organization to present free public masterclasses in the Kohl Mansion Library, featuring talented pre-college musicians—coached by the season guest artists—before all concerts at 5 p.m.

### **PRE-PERFORMANCE TALKS AT 6 P.M.**

**Christopher Costanza**, distinguished cellist and Stanford educator/coach, will offer an informative pre-concert lecture for ticket holders at 6 p.m. in the Kohl Mansion Library before all concerts.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Music at Kohl Mansion is the longest-running chamber music-only presenter on the San Francisco Peninsula. In addition to presenting concerts at Kohl Mansion, MAKM will continue its successful partnerships with numerous Bay Area organizations including the **San Mateo Public Library**; **City of Palo Alto Library**; the **Mechanics Institute Library** in San Francisco; the **Peninsula Jewish Community Center** in Foster City; the **Stratford** senior residence center in San Mateo; and extensive presentations in elementary, middle and high schools throughout San Mateo County. No fewer than 134 events are planned for Season 43 reaffirming Music at Kohl Mansion's diverse community engagement and mission to uplift, inspire and connect people through the power of music.

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The Music at Kohl Mansion 2026 spring season is presented at 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame. Ample free parking is available. For more information, visit [www.musicatkohl.org](http://www.musicatkohl.org).

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