

***THE GOTHAM  
STRING QUARTET***

*Quan Jiang, violin*

*Lun Jiang, violin*

*Sheila Browne, viola*

*Cheng-Hou Lee, cello*

*Thursday, November 11, 1999*

*8:00 p.m.*

*Lillian H. Duncan Recital Hall*

RICE UNIVERSITY

the  
Shepherd  
School  
of Music

## PROGRAM

***String Quartet in D minor,  
Op. 76 No. 2 "Quinten"***

*Franz Joseph Haydn  
(1732-1809)*

*Allegro*

*Andante o piu tosto allegretto*

*Menuet - Allegro ma non troppo - Trio*

*Finale - Vivace assai*

***String Quartet No. 6 in F Major,  
Op. 98 "American"***

*Antonin Dvořák  
(1841-1904)*

*Allegro ma non troppo*

*Lento*

*Molto vivace*

*Vivace ma non troppo*

## INTERMISSION

***String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10***

*Claude Debussy  
(1862-1918)*

*Animé et très décidé*

*Assez vif et bien rythmé*

*Andantino, doucement expressif*

*Très modéré*

## BIOGRAPHY

*THE GOTHAM STRING QUARTET* was formed in New York City in January of 1999. Its members, graduates of the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music, are violinists Quan and Lun Jiang, violist Sheila Browne, and cellist Cheng-Hou Lee. It is a multinational group, comprised of Chinese-born twin brothers, a Philadelphian, and a native of Taiwan.

The Gotham String Quartet has presented recital programs to critical acclaim and performs extensively throughout the U.S. The quartet has worked with members of the Alban Berg, Juilliard, and Guarneri String Quartets, and the Beaux Arts Trio. The group has also participated in the Banff Festival, the Spoleto Festival in Italy, and the Tanglewood Institute.

Most recently, the Gotham String Quartet entered the Shepherd School's graduate program for young professional chamber ensembles. This program is directed by Paul Katz, cellist of the world-renowned Cleveland Quartet from 1969 to 1995 and currently Professor of Cello and Chamber Music at the Shepherd School. The Gotham String Quartet also works with other members of the Shepherd School string faculty, including Sergiu Luca, Karen Ritscher, and Kenneth Goldsmith. The quartet's upcoming concerts in Houston include two recitals presented by Da Camera of Houston, one at the Houston Zoo on November 13 and the other at the Wortham Center on April 5. Tonight is the group's debut concert at the Shepherd School, and their second full program here will be given on April 27. In addition, the Gotham String Quartet is planning a tour to China during the summer of 2000.

The quartet has worked in outreach programs for school children of New York City. While in Houston, the group will participate in Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams), providing musical experiences for children of inner-city schools.

The Gotham String Quartet is playing on a set of instruments made by Sergio Peresson on generous loan from Dr. Herbert Axelrod.