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Contact: Jamie Manson/Martha Gellens
718.549.3200 x320 /x232 or pressroom@wavehill.org**YING QUARTET CONCLUDES WAVE HILL SERIES WITH RAVEL STRING QUARTET AND “DIM SUM” SELECTION OF CHINESE MUSIC SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

Bronx, NY, April 8, 2008 –The Ying Quartet, one of America’s most versatile, adventuresome ensembles, concludes their series of three Wave Hill concerts with a performance of Ravel’s Quartet in F Major. The second half of the recital will feature a “Dim Sum” selection of works by Chinese-American composers Chou Wen-Chung, Vivian Fung, and Lei Liang, commissioned by the Yings over the last several years. **The one hour program will take place in Armor Hall at Wave Hill Sunday, April 27 at 2pm.**

Ravel’s quartet is a masterpiece of French sensuality and sophistication. It is a central work in the string quartet repertory and a gauge for measuring beautiful playing. Hearing this work in the perfect acoustics of Armor Hall, which offers the intimacy of a salon, is a rare opportunity and one well suited to Ravel’s work.

From its first years, the Ying Quartet has been a leading ensemble in commissioning new work from contemporary Americans. With their musical “Dim Sum,” the Yings continue to extend their repertoire of innovative programming while celebrating their own cultural heritage. The Quartet performs a selection of short works by Chinese-American composers in the framework of a traditional concert, giving audiences the treat of a diverse sampling of this music. They have added vitality to the Western concert tradition by combining ancient Chinese sounds with the language of Beethoven and Stravinsky, creating new sonorities and vocabularies.

Now in its second decade, the Ying Quartet continues to develop ways to make artistic and creative expression an essential part of everyday life. Their current projects in this direction include an innovative visiting residency at Symphony Space in New York City, connecting music with dance, poetry, film and other art forms; an exploration with the Turtle Island String Quartet of jazz, improvisation and the classical string quartet tradition; and a variety of visiting residencies on campuses and in communities across the United States.

Concerts take place on Sundays at 2pm, and run one hour without intermission. They are followed by a conversation with the performers. Tickets for Wave Hill members are \$15. Tickets for all others, which include admission to the grounds, are \$24; tickets for Seniors 65+ and Students with ID are \$21. Purchase tickets at the Perkins Visitor Center or by calling 718.549.3200 x385.

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill’s mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS

Tuesday—Sunday

April 15—October 14: 9am—5:30pm | October 15—April 14: 9am—4:30pm

ADMISSION Free to Members and to children under 6.

Tuesdays: Free all day

Saturdays: Free 9am to noon.

Wednesday—Sunday and Saturday afternoons: \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors 65+,

\$2 children 6+

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