



The Xibus Tour

created by the

boston string quartet

Overview:

The Music Makers' Foundation and School of Groove are proud to present the 2009/2010 Xibus Tour, taking place in 16 cities throughout the United States. The Xibus Tour will feature:

Since its formation 2004, the **Boston String Quartet** has been a creative leader in contemporary classical music in New England. Having made their professional debut at Weil Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, the quartet performs their own arrangements of classical chamber music, rock, jazz, world music and more, and is continually "exploring different ways of sparking musical interest" [Boston Globe]. This journey has allowed for collaboration with John Mayer, the Boston Ballet, Fionnuala Gill, Giorgia Fumanti, Jennifer Holliday, Lisa Fisher, Tim Janis, Dave Fiuczynski, as well as opportunity to perform at such venues as the Los Angeles Music Awards, PBS, Yankee Homecoming Festival, and for former president George H.W. Bush. Committed to music education in New England, the members of the Boston String Quartet are currently Ensemble-in-Residence at contemporary music school, School of Groove. To date, the Boston String Quartet has released four albums, including "Xibus" [a genre-stretching tour-de-force from one of the finest young touring string quartets in the United States – PARMA], a new release from Navona Recordings. The Boston String Quartet can be heard over the radio or may be found performing on local television stations, as well as nationally on PBS. Recordings may be purchased world-wide from Naxos.

The tour is designed as an interactive learning experience for high school music students.

The Xibus Tour will feature the talents of the respective symphony orchestras of sixteen high schools throughout the United States. Partnering with internationally acclaimed artists, students will engage in one full day of classes and workshops, and a second day consisting of intensive rehearsals, culminating in an evening performance. Students will participate in music ranging in style from Led Zeppelin to Ennio Morricone, from Celtic to jazz, and more.

This opportunity is provided to students at no cost by the Music Makers' Foundation, and our corporate sponsors and donors, and is an effort to support live music and K-12 music education in the communities visited by introducing audiences to new music, and by providing outstanding performance opportunities to young artists and students.

To provide the best educational opportunities for each individual student body, we offer multiple options for workshops and classes:

- ~ Open Rehearsal
- ~ Masterclass
- ~ Workshop
- ~ Business of Music Lecture

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