

Homes and music combine for Tuesday Musical's new Arts-in-Residence Series

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Is there a better way to spend a summer evening than enjoying refreshments while listening to a world-class string quartet in the elaborate ballroom of a historic Georgian Revival house?

On Thursday, August 4 at 7:30 pm, Tuesday Musical invites you to a “Summer Soirée” featuring the Escher String Quartet at the Byron R. Barder House on West Market Street in Akron. Hosted by Braun & Steidl Architects,

the event marks the inauguration of the [Escher String Quartet](#) as Tuesday Musical’s first Quartet-in-Residence.

The multi-year residency will include performances by the Escher on Tuesday Musical’s mainstage concert seasons, as well as programs at The University of Akron School of Music, Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, and others educational and community venues. Space is limited and advance registration is required. All proceeds support the Education and Community Engagement Programs presented by Tuesday Musical. [Click here to register and for further information.](#)

“Tuesday Musical is respected nationally as an outstanding presenting organization, and the residency will elevate us to new levels,” Jarrod Hartzler, executive and artistic director of Tuesday Musical said. “This powerful collaboration will enhance artistic excellence and opportunities for our region.”

As a preview of their Tuesday Musical residency, the Escher spent three days this past May in Holmes County working with more than 1,300 elementary and high school students in communities where string programs are non-existent and band and choral opportunities are rarely offered before middle school. The finale of the Holmes County

visit was a free concert for more than 200 students and adults at a community center in Millersburg.

“Ohio, and in particular Akron, has been our home away from New York this season for our quartet,” said Escher violist Pierre Lapointe. “We gave three full concerts and had many activities in the Buckeye State and are looking forward to more.”

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Georgian Revival Barder House includes Akron’s most elaborate private ballrooms, and is perhaps the finest of only six remaining residential commissions by Harpster & Bliss, the firm that also designed Ohio Columbus Barber’s mansion as well as Akron’s Masonic Temple and Armory.

For the second program in its Arts-In-Residence Series, Tuesday Musical will present James Marron in *Savor the Six Strings: a Brief History of Classical Guitar* on Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 pm, hosted by Tom and Meg Stanton at their home in Bath. Marron will perform and talk about Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary music for classical guitar. Guests will also enjoy refreshments in the Stanton’s art-filled California-style contemporary home.

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