

THE ANCORA



STRING QUARTET

Title: Classical Music Best Bets for Sept. 23-29 are Big on Chamber Music for Strings, Winds

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On Saturday night at 7:30 pm. in the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, the **Ancora String Quartet** (below center)



will perform a program of **Beethoven's late String Quartet No. 15 in A minor, Op.132**, with the famous "Heilegedankgesang" or Sacred Song of Thanksgiving) along with the rarely heard work **String Quartet No. 7 in D minor, Op. 192, No. 2. "The Maid of the Mill"** by **Joachim Raff**, who was a protege of Mendelssohn and Liszt.

Admission is \$12 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$6 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door.

A free reception will follow. (The receptions are good — believe me, I know and my waistline knows.)

(Member of the quartet in the photo above are Marika Fischer Hoyt, viola; Robin Ryan and Leanne Kelso League, violins; and Benjamin Whitcomb cello..)

The Ancora String Quartet — perhaps Madison's most deserving up-and-coming chamber music group — is in residence at the First Unitarian Society and has been invited to do a residency at the **Monroe Arts Center** in Monroe, Wis., next season. The quartet is also looking forward to its debut at the **Stoughton Opera House** on Saturday, Nov. 7, as well as a return appearance on the "**Sunday Afternoon Live**" series at the Chazen Museum on March 14, 2010.