

DNCCCA welcomes Maxwell Quartet Feb. 6

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The Del Norte-Curry Community Concert Association reaches all the way to Scotland for its next concert. The Glasgow-based Maxwell Quartet performs at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Crescent Elk Auditorium.

The Maxwell Quartet consists of friends — Colin Scobie on first violin, George Smith on second violin, Elliot Perks on viola, and Duncan Strachan on cello — who grew up playing classical and folk music together in youth orchestras and music schools across Scotland. The group officially began in 2010 at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where its founding members met as postgraduate students. The next year, the quartet was appointed as the Conservatoire's Young Artists in Residence.

The quartet performs regularly across the UK and abroad, at venues including London's Wigmore Hall, Purcell Room, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the BBC Chamber Music Proms. Their 2017-18 season included engagements in Denmark, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, France and China. They are now on their first North American tour coinciding with the release of their debut CD, featuring works by Joseph Haydn and traditional Scottish folk music.

Performing widely across Scotland, the quartet has established a reputation for delighting audiences with their “unaffected enthusiasm” and their “panache and conviction.” The quartet has held residencies at Oxford University, Perth Concert Hall and many chamber music festivals across the UK, including their own Loch Shiel Festival in the Scottish Highlands.

The Maxwell Quartet is firmly regarded as one of Britain's finest string quartets, with performances set apart by the tribute they pay to their Scottish folk music heritage. They were the first prize winner and Audience Prize winner at the Trondheim (Norway) International Chamber Music Competition in 2017, and have been hailed for “great communication” and as “brilliantly fresh, unexpected and exhilarating.”

Celebrating its 70th birthday season, the Del Norte-Curry Community Concert Association has been presenting internationally acclaimed artists to the greater Crescent City and Brookings areas since 1949. The association also sponsors free masterclasses and Outreach Performances to students, as touring schedules allow, in addition to their scheduled evening concerts.

Maxwell Quartet will be presenting a student outreach at 10 a.m. Feb. 6, at Crescent Elk Auditorium, 994 G St., Crescent City. Tickets are available at the door or at Del Norte Office Supply, 240 I St., for \$20 per adult. Children and students are free. For more information, go to musicintheredwoods.com.