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New Quartet-in-Residence Program at the Westwood Branch Library
Pioneering musical program brings free public concerts to the library

LOS ANGELES, March 31, 2014 – Expanding its cultural outreach into the local community, the **Westwood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library** has partnered with the **Los Angeles Musical Salon** to create a Quartet-in-Residence program at the library. This pioneering program will bring four free public concerts a year to the library, beginning on **Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 4 p.m.**, at the Westwood Library, 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024, tel: 310-474-1739.

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This is the first time that the Westwood Library has ever established a musical residency. The **Fiato String Quartet** has been chosen as the library's first Quartet in Residence. Fiato Quartet violinists Carrie Kennedy and Ina Veli, and cellist Ryan Sweeney, will be joined by guest violist Yi Zhou for this inaugural concert.

The Fiato Quartet is an official ensemble of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and one familiar to the Westwood area. It has performed in the past at the Los Angeles Musical Salon Dinner-Concert Series, the Henry Bruman Chamber Music Festival at UCLA, and also in a popular holiday concert at the Westwood Library.

Fiato's members hold degrees in music performance from the Colburn School, University of Southern California, Rice University, Northwestern University, and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In addition to playing together in Fiato, these highly accomplished musicians each maintain active concert careers throughout Southern California—as members of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Pasadena Symphony, Long Beach Symphony, Santa Barbara Symphony, New West Symphony, and Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra.

“Westwood Library is thrilled to add this new dimension to the services we provide for our local community,” said Shahla Chamanara, Branch Manager at the Westwood Library.

Los Angeles Musical Salon president Terry Tegnazian added, “We have partnered with the library in the past to provide a number of free public musical programs for children, teens and adults. It is very exciting for us to be working with the library now on this long-term project of establishing a musical residency.”

The Los Angeles Musical Salon is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable corporation based in Westwood, www.LAMusicalSalon.org. More info on the Westwood Branch Library: <http://www.lapl.org/branches/westwood>. More info on the Fiato String Quartet: <http://www.fiatoquartet.com>.