

ARTIST STATEMENT - CAVANI STRING QUARTET

Pablo Casals said "The greatest respect an artist can give to music is to give it life"

The Cavani Quartet has dedicated its artistic life to performing at the highest level and communicating the joy of discovery in the service of some of the most powerful music ever written. We remain profoundly committed to sharing our passion for chamber music with audiences of all ages and all walks of life.

The quartet's musical career maintains an energetic balance between performing masterpieces by composers such as Mozart, Beethoven and Bartok; collaborating with living composers including Joan Tower and Margaret Brouwer; and creating new programming that joins multiple disciplines, such as visual art, poetry, and dance.

Our motivation to interact with audiences enhances our approach to teaching and mentoring. We find great joy in shaping the musical lives of the next generation through seminars that feature compelling audience engagement and special rehearsal techniques which accentuate a "team -work" approach.

It is the empathy and connectivity of playing and teaching chamber music, which we view as a metaphor for the kind of communication that we should strive for between races and nations. The Cavani Quartet's fervent hope is to continue as interpreters and performers of this remarkable art form wherever the journey may lead us. We are proud to represent Cleveland, as we travel throughout the world.