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Dover Quartet with David Shifrin, Clarinet in Concert 3 February 2024

Coastal Concerts presents Dover Quartet with Clarinetist David Shifrin in concert at 2 P.M. on February 3, 2024 in Fellowship Hall of Bethel UMC Church, 4th and Market Streets in Lewes. The concert will be preceded at 1 P.M. by Lani Spahr's Performance Insights. Named one of the greatest string quartets of the last 100 years by BBC Music Magazine, the twice GRAMMY®-nominated Dover Quartet has followed a "practically meteoric" (Strings) trajectory to become one of the most in-demand chamber ensembles in the world. Formed in 2008 at Curtis, where it is currently in residence, its name pays tribute to Dover Beach, Matthew Arnold's poem, and music set to it by fellow Curtis alumnus Samuel Barber. The Quartet will perform a public recital Friday, February 2 at 2 P.M. at Elkins-Archibald Atrium, CAMP Rehoboth, 37 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach.

Dover Quartet's awards include a stunning sweep of all prizes at the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition and grand and first prizes at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. Its honors include the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, Chamber Music America's Cleveland Quartet Award, and Lincoln Center's Hunt Family Award.

They teach as well as perform: the Quartet's innovative, multi-modal Curtis residency allows the Institute to reinvigorate its tradition of maintaining a top-quality professional string quartet on its faculty, while providing resources for the ensemble to experiment with new technologies and engage audiences digitally.

David Shifrin, winner of both the Avery Fisher Career Grant (1987) and the Avery Fisher Prize (2000), is in constant demand as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, chamber music collaborator and educator. An artist member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center since 1989, David Shifrin served as its Artistic Director from 1992 to 2004. He has toured extensively throughout the US with CMSLC and hosted and performed in several television broadcasts on PBS's Live From Lincoln Center. He concluded his tenure with Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Oregon in summer 2020 after having been the festival's Artistic Director since 1981. He is currently the Artistic Director of the Phoenix Chamber Music Festival.

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