

Mercy College sponsors performances by groundbreaking African-American classical quartet

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In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and the majesty of classical music, Mercy College of Northwest Ohio is proud to host in collaboration with Lourdes College, the Marian Anderson String Quartet.

The Quartet will perform several concerts in Toledo, January 15-17, 2007; including a free community performance the evening of January 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Lourdes College. They will also perform for students, faculty and staff at Mercy College as well as visit with students at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls and Scott High School. All of the area performances were made possible through underwriting from Mercy Health Partners.

The Marian Anderson String Quartet is the first African American quartet to win a major competition in the field of classical music. Playing venues from New York's Tully Hall to the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. as well as soup kitchens and institutions for the mentally ill, the Quartet believe that classical music is meant for everyone and has taken that philosophy and their music to new and diverse audiences around the globe. In 1992 they followed a performance at President Clinton's inauguration with an appearance on Good Morning America.

While in Toledo the Quartet will perform for a variety of audiences around the community including:

Monday, January 15, 2007

9:00 a.m.

St. Anne Mercy Hospital

Noon

Mercy College of Northwest Ohio
St. Joseph Chapel, Mercy College

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

4:30 p.m.

Lourdes College
Student Performance

7:30 p.m.

Franciscan Theatre & Conference
Center of Lourdes College
Free Community Performance

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls

1:50 p.m.

Scott High School

The Quartet further spread their love of music through education. They frequently teach in inner city schools and have contributed to the Music Advancement Program at The Julliard School in New York. The Quartet is the ensemble in residence at Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University, and has been quartet in residence at City College of New York and California State University – Los Angeles.

As a result of their dedication to education and outreach through musical arts, the Marian Anderson String Quartet was recipient of the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Excellence in the Arts by the Congress on Racial Equality.

For further information about The Quartet and their appearances in Toledo, please contact Denise Hudgin, Director of Communication at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio at 419-251-1324

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