

Contemporary chamber music quartet Cordis bringing sound to Miller Theater

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The Alfred University (AU) Division of Performing Arts presents the contemporary chamber music quartet Cordis, Friday, Sept. 27, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center in the Miller Theater. Admission is free to the public.

The performance is supported by the David and Elizabeth Miller Arts Fund.

The quartet of Jeremy Harman on cello, Richard Grimes on concert cimbalom, Brian O'Neill on piano, and Andrew Beall on percussion have been critically acclaimed by NewMusicBox.com and have been recently featured in Billboard Magazine's "Continental Divide" segment. The group has been redefining contemporary chamber music by fusing traditional ethnic instruments with custom made original instruments such as the electric mbira, melodica, and the world's longest playing cylinder-driven music box.

Cordis is currently working with Icelandic superstar, Bjork, on a collaboration featuring her vocals. The group's style is often mentioned with the likes of instrumental collectives such as Mogwai and Explosions in the Sky.

AU life trustee and alumnus David Miller has been a special friend to the Division of Performing Arts at the University. A partner with the Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy law firm, San Francisco, Miller is also a jazz pianist, playing with the Dave Miller Trio since 1975. He and his wife Elizabeth have set up an endowment for the Performing Arts Division, with proceeds used to assist in arranging residencies and bringing guest performers, lecturers, and performance ensembles to Alfred.

For more information on the Cordis visit their website www.cordismusic.com.