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Chamber Music Rochester Opens Its 50th Season with “The Marvelous Mr. Mendelssohn”

ROCHESTER, N.Y. Chamber Music Rochester opens its 50th Anniversary Season on Sunday, October 18, 2026, with *The Marvelous Mr. Mendelssohn*. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. at Beston Hall in Nazareth University’s Glazer Music Performance Center, 4245 East Avenue.

Eight string musicians will perform Richard Strauss’s *Capriccio Sextet*, Javier Martínez Campos’s *Serenata para Cuerdas*, and Felix Mendelssohn’s *Octet*, written when the composer was just sixteen.

The afternoon also features an onstage conversation between artistic director Erik Behr and an AI recreation of Mendelssohn appearing on screen. A free preconcert talk begins at 2:30 p.m., offering an approachable introduction to the program. No musical background is needed.

Single tickets are **$35**. **Students and children attend free** by visiting the welcome table. To purchase tickets, visit chambermusicrochester.org/tickets.

The concert is generously sponsored by Larry and Elizabeth Rice.

ABOUT CHAMBER MUSIC ROCHESTER

Chamber Music Rochester presents five intimate concerts each season featuring local professional musicians and acclaimed guests. Its performances, free preconcert talks, and community outreach bring people closer to the music and to one another.

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Artistic directors Erik Behr and Juliana Athayde



Juliana Athayde, violin



Chamber Music Rochester musicians