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Sona Quartet
NEC Honors Ensemble

Joshua Brown, Thompson Wang, violin
Cara Pogossian, viola
Claire Park, cello

(Paul Biss, faculty coach)

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
7:30 p.m.
NEC’s Jordan Hall
Jessie Montgomery  
(b. 1981)  

Strum

Minoo Dixon ‘23  

Two Short Movements (2023)  

World premiere  

prelude to a love letter  

for her

Béla Bartók  
(1881–1945)  

String Quartet No. 3, Sz. 85  

Prima parte: Moderato  

Seconda parte: Allegro  

Ricapitulazione della prima parte: Moderato  

Coda: Allegro molto

Intermission

Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1770–1827)  

String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat major, op. 130  

(with Große Fuge, op. 133)  

Adagio, ma non troppo – Allegro  

Presto  

Andante con moto, ma non troppo  

– Poco scherzoso  

Alla danza tedesca: Allegro assai  

Cavatina: Adagio molto espressivo

Große Fuge, op. 133
Dixon  Two Short Movements (2023)

*prelude to a love letter: a short work that encapsulates the emotions that one feels before writing a love letter.*

*for her:* To someone I love dearly. No other influence drove my mind, besides the one to please your ears. A piece where I decided to not compose for myself but instead...for her.  

– Minoo Dixon

Hailing from Los Angeles and Chicago, the Sona Quartet was formed at the New England Conservatory in the fall of 2022, under the guidance of Paul Biss. Violinists Joshua Brown and Thompson Wang, violist Cara Pogossian, and cellist Claire Park are currently students in pursuit of their bachelor’s and master’s degrees at NEC, under the tutelage of Don Weilerstein, Ayano Ninomiya, Kim Kashkashian, and Laurence Lesser. Having previously attended the Curtis Institute of Music, Colburn Academy, and Music Institute of Chicago, members of the Sona Quartet have appeared as laureates in competitions around the world, including the Leopold Mozart International Violin Competition, International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition. Individually, they have participated in renowned festivals such as the Ravinia Steans Music Institute, Moritzburg Music Festival, Music Academy of the West, Taos School of Music, and Perlman Music Program.

Thompson Wang is the recipient of the “ex-Krasner” J.B. Vuillaume on generous loan from the New England Conservatory.

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