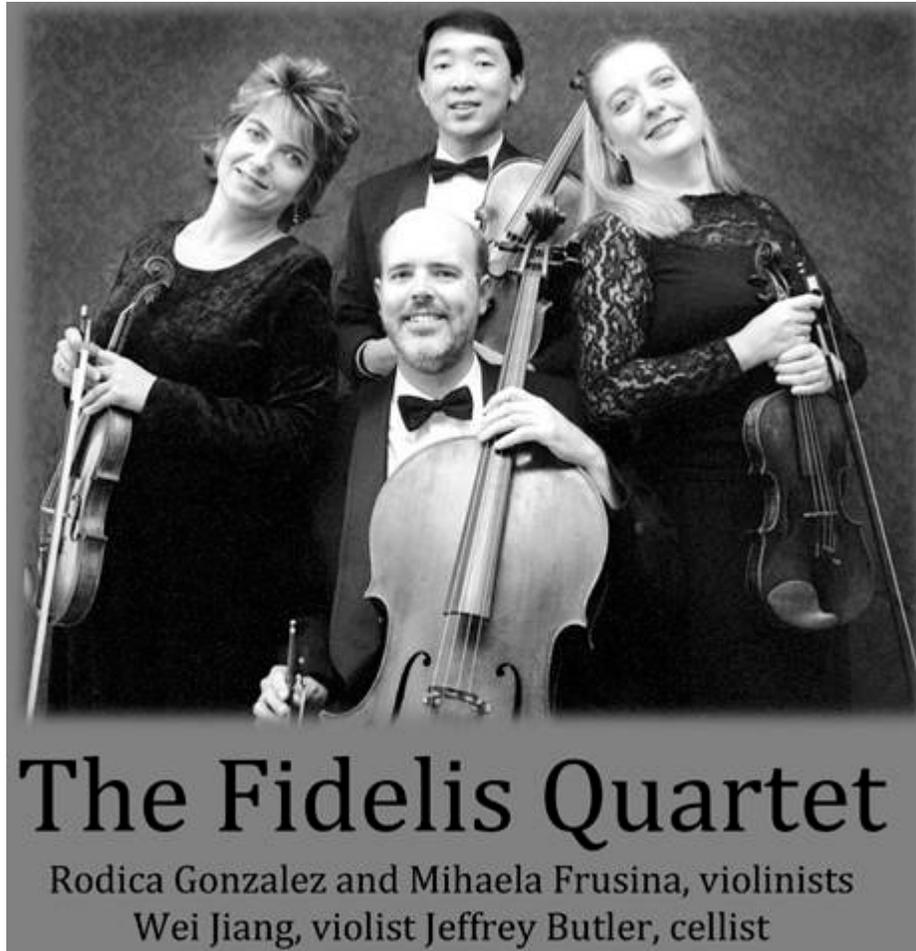


Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Spring Luncheon at Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 NASA Parkway, Seabrook
10:00 AM

Program



The Fidelis Quartet, founded by Rodica Gonzalez, is comprised of four Houston Symphony musicians with a keen interest in the quartet repertoire. They have performed in Houston and Fredericksburg, Texas, Puerto Rico and Michigan, and in Carnegie Hall in both 2005 and 2011.

Mrs. Gonzalez was born in Bucharest, Romania, where she began her violin studies at the age of four. She gave her first concerto performance with the orchestra at the age of 11 while studying at the George Enescu Music School. At the age of 18, she enrolled in the Ciprian Porumbescu Conservatory in Bucharest. Rodica received her master's degree from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. Her mentors include Modest Iftinchi, Sergiu Luca, and Christoph Eschenbach.

Mihaela Frusina, violin, is the sister of Rodica Gonzales. She received a high school diploma in violin performance from the George Enescu Music School before coming to Houston to study with Sergiu Luca at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. Mihaela earned both her bachelor and master of music degrees at the Shepherd School. She played with the Houston Ballet and Grand Opera orchestras before joining the Houston Symphony in 1995. Her sister, Rodica Gonzalez, is also a member of the orchestra's violin section.

Wei Jiang was Born in China and began studying violin at the age of 5 with his father and then studied the viola after being admitted to the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, graduating with the highest honor from the Conservatory and subsequently taught there for 5 years. Wei came to the U.S. in 1996 to further his musical training at the Oberlin Conservatory and later at the University of Maryland. In 1999, he became a member of the Houston Symphony.

Jeffrey Butler, cellist for the Fidelis Quartet, holds degrees in music performance from Boston University and Michigan School of Music. Prior to joining the Houston Symphony in 1986, he was a member of the Detroit Symphony.

Tickets: \$30

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President's Message

All good things must come to an end and this is my last month as President. The two years have been interesting, exciting, challenging, exasperating, exhausting, but, in the end, **FUN**. I want to thank you all for your support.

We have heard a lot of good music and much of it was also fun. From our members strutting their stuff, the superb ability of the Concerto winners who perform for us each year, to audacious groups like Bass Center that show us how an improbable quartet can make good music and teach us in the mix. And let's not forget our own Note-Ables that entertain both us and many groups in the area. As we share our love of music with our elementary programs, we also further our personal knowledge of music through our monthly meetings.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary and will look forward to the 50th. So, it is time to renew our memberships. Jane Lackow will be accepting your dues for the 2016 – 2017 year at the Spring Luncheon. You may give her a check when you pick up your name tag (\$50 for a single membership and \$75 for a couple). Or mail to:

Jane Lackow
8702 Orchard Ln.
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Last month Vicki Buxton listed businesses that had supported our Home Tour. Two advertisers overlooked were:

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In closing, I want to thank the membership for your support of the Home Tour which provides most of the funds for the Education program. I hope that all of you will join me in giving a special thank you to Vicki Buxton who has exhausted herself in making the Home Tour a success year after year.

Education – Nina McGlashan

A committee is reviewing the education program and plans to make some recommendations at the May board meeting.

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