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WISTER QUARTET RETURNS TO YARDLEY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

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Whether or not you've heard the Wister Quartet perform before, you will be in for a rare treat for their next performance in Yardley on *Friday, March 20*. The Bucks County Performing Arts Center will present the Philadelphia based string quartet along with young tuba phenom Carol Jantsch and selected string students from the Pennsbury School District. They can all be heard in works by Mozart, Dvorak, special arrangements of pieces by Couperin and Arban, and original pieces written especially for the students by Lloyd Smith, cellist of the Wister Quartet. Concert time is 7:30 P.M. in the historic Yardley Community Center.

Carol Jantsch began to study piano at age 6, the euphonium at age 9, and the tuba while in seventh grade. Jantsch, now age 23, graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in 2002, and the University of Michigan in 2006. While attending Michigan, Jantsch auditioned for the New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestras. She was a semi-finalist for the New York tuba position and won the Philadelphia position of Principal Tuba in February 2006, appointed by music director Christoph Eschenbach. She assumed the chair full-time with the 2006-2007 concert season. Jantsch is the youngest member of the orchestra and is, according to National Public Radio, the first woman to hold a Principal Tuba chair among major orchestras in the United States.

Since its formation in 1987, the **Wister Quartet** has earned high praise from critics and audiences alike for its superb performances, including those with guest artists Emanuel Ax, Alicia de Larrocha, Christoph Eschenbach, Wolfgang Sawallisch and Yo-Yo Ma. In addition to concerts in Europe and China, the Quartet performs widely in the Philadelphia region, including concerts at Arcadia, Haverford and Swarthmore Universities and Gettysburg College. It appears regularly in concert series presented by The Philadelphia Orchestra, The German Society of Pennsylvania, The Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem, the Glencairn Museum, and the Renaissance Musical Arts series in Albany, New York. The Wister Quartet makes summertime appearances at Music at Gretna, the Lenape Chamber Players Gala Concerts in Doylestown, Concerts by Candlelight at the Laurel Hill Mansion in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, and the Chamber Series at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The Quartet has recorded for Direct-to-Tape Records; its first CD was nominated for a Grammy. It is the core group of the popular Philadelphia chamber ensemble, 1807 & Friends, which performs at Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. 1807 & Friends' recording on the Direct-to-Tape label, "The Philadelphia Connection", features the Wister Quartet's highly acclaimed performance of the Barber String Quartet.

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Tickets are available for \$15, \$12(seniors), and \$8(students). Tickets are available by contacting the BCPAC office at (215)493-3010, online at our website (www.bcpac.org) or at the Yardley Community Center prior to each concert.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is devoted to the creation of community through the arts.

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