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RHODE ISLAND STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM
AT THE NEWPORT COLLEGE - SALVE REGINA;
YEAR OF THE FRENCH CELEBRATED

The Rhode Island String Quartet will perform music by French composers Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel at a Year of The French concert to be held September 22 at 7:00 p.m., Ochre Court, The Newport College - Salve Regina.

Sponsoring organizations, The Newport College - Salve Regina, the University of Rhode Island and the Newport Council for International Visitors, are inviting the public to join in the Year of The French celebration in Newport. The concert is free of charge. French compositions to be performed include the Quartet in G Minor, Op. 10 by Claude Debussy, and String Quartet by Maurice Ravel.

The Rhode Island String Quartet, in residence at the University of Rhode Island, includes musicians John Dempsey, violinist, Karen Dempsey, violinist, Joseph Ceo, violist and Janet Chapple, cellist.

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John Dempsey is first violinist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and assistant concertmaster of the Rhode Island Civic Chorale Orchestra. He is also associate professor of music at the University of Rhode Island where he teaches violin, chamber music and music theory.

Karen Dempsey is principal second violinist in the Rhode Island Philharmonic and first violinist in the Rhode Island Civic Chorale Orchestra.

Joseph Ceo, a member of the URI music faculty, teaches viola and conducts the URI Symphony Orchestra. He is principal violist with the R.I. Philharmonic and has an extensive background in chamber music performance.

Janet Chapple is a special instructor at URI and Rhode Island Junior College. She is a member of the New Music Ensemble of Providence and principal cellist with the Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Artists Internationales Opera Orchestra.

The concert at Ochre Court is endorsed by the R.I. Heritage Commission.

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