The Chamber Music Society presents The Thrill of the Hunt on Sunday, February 25, at 5:00 PM in Alice Tully Hall. The spirited concert will be performed by the sensational Danish String Quartet, former CMS Two Artist member and one of the world’s most in-demand ensembles.
Inspired by the age-old ritual of the hunt, the program ranges from the stylish expeditions of Classical Viennese nobles with Haydn’s Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, Hob. III:1, Op. 1, No. 1, “La chasse;” and Mozart’s Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, K. 458, “Hunt;” to the masculine exploits of the Romantic era embodied in Brahms’s Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, Op. 67. Injected into the mix comes a hilarious parody of this extreme pastime, contemporary composer Jørg Widmann’s Jagdquartett. [Pictured: Danish String Quartet; photo Caroline Bittencourt.]

Embodying the quintessential elements of a chamber music ensemble of the highest caliber, the Danish String Quartet, a member of the CMS Two program from 2013-2016, has established a reputation for its integrated sound and technical and interpretive talents matched by an infectious joy for music-making and “rampaging energy” (The New Yorker). Since making their debut in 2002 at the Copenhagen Festival, the musical friends have demonstrated a passion for Scandinavian composers, who they frequently incorporate into adventurous contemporary programs, while also giving skilled and profound interpretations of the classical masters. The New York Times selected the quartet’s concerts as highlights of 2012 and 2015, praising “one of the most powerful renditions of Beethoven’s Opus 132 String Quartet that I’ve heard live or on a recording,” and “the adventurous young members of the Danish String Quartet play almost everything excitingly.”

**Listing Information:**
The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at Alice Tully Hall
Sunday, February 25, 5:00 PM
Tickets from $55 available at the box office; by calling 212.875.5788; on-line: www.ChamberMusicSociety.org

**THE THRILL OF THE HUNT**
Danish String Quartet (Frederik Øland, Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen, violin; Asbjørn Nørgaard, viola; Fredrik Schøyen Sjølin, cello)

- **Haydn** Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, Hob. III:1, Op. 1, No. 1, “La chasse” (1762)
- **Mozart** Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, K. 458, “Hunt” (1784)
- **Widmann** Jagdquartett for Strings (2003)
- **Brahms** Quartet in B-flat major for Strings, Op. 67 (1875)

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