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**THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER
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PRESENTS**

THE THRILL OF THE HUNT

**WORKS BY
BRAHMS, HAYDN, MOZART,
& WIDMANN**

**PERFORMED BY THE
DANISH STRING QUARTET**

**FEBRUARY 25
ALICE TULLY HALL**



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 Sjölin, 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)
