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**ZEHETMAIR QUARTET CONCERT CANCELED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**CAL PERFORMANCES WILL PRESENT THE ST. PETERSBURG STRING QUARTET  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 8:00 P.M. IN FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN ITS PLACE**

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**WHAT:** Due to illness of one of its members, the **Zehetmair Quartet** has had to cancel its North American tour this fall, including the Saturday, November 15 performance at First Congregational Church in Berkeley.

**WHO:** In its stead, Cal Performances will present the **St. Petersburg String Quartet** at **8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 15 in First Congregational Church.**

Praised as a "virtually flawless ensemble," known for its "stylish, supple, openhearted performances" (*The New York Times*), the St. Petersburg String Quartet has won top prizes at multiple international chamber music competitions, including those in the Soviet Union, Tokyo and Australia. The ensemble has produced acclaimed recordings of works by Shostakovich, Borodin, Glazunov, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky, and has received a Grammy nomination, Best Record honors in both *Stereo Review* and *Gramo-phone* magazines, and the Chamber Music America/WQXR Prize for Best CD of 2001.

Members of the St. Petersburg String Quartet include **Alla Aranovskaya** and **David Chernyavsky** (violins), **Aleksey Koptev** (viola), and **Leonid Shukaev** (cello). This year the Quartet commemorates the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its namesake city and performs around the world in events honoring the arts of St. Petersburg. The ensemble has also been the Quartet-in-Residence at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music for the past five years.

**WHEN** Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 p.m.  
**& WHERE:** First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley

**PROGRAM:** Zurab Nadarejshvili/Quartet No. 1  
Alexander Borodin/Quartet No. 2 in D major  
Dmitri Shostakovich/Quartet No. 9 in E-flat major, Op. 117

**TICKETS:** Tickets for the previously scheduled Zehetmair Quartet concert will be honored at the door for the St. Petersburg String Quartet performance. Patrons may also apply the value of the ticket towards another performance on Cal Performances 2003/04 season, or request a refund. For exchange and refund information, call the Cal Performances Ticket Office at **(510) 642-9988**.

Tickets for the St. Petersburg String quartet are **\$42.00**, and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu); (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; and at the door.