

Aruna Quartet to Perform at the Howard Center

On September 22 at 7 p.m.

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Aruna Quartet (Photo by Artist)

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On Sunday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., the Aruna Quartet will perform at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University.

The Aruna Quartet features William Pyle on soprano saxophone, Tony Guzman on alto saxophone, Ryan Hill on tenor saxophone and Andrew Schoen on baritone saxophone. Their Double Gold Tour program includes pieces by Alexander Glazunov, William Albright and David Ludwig.

At Texas Tech University, the quartet is coached by professor of saxophone David Dees. They received additional instruction by legendary saxophone pedagogue Frederick L. Hemke at the 2018 Snow Pond Music Festival in Sydney, Maine.

Since forming at Texas Tech University in the fall of 2015, the Aruna Quartet has performed a wide range of traditional and contemporary repertoire. The Aruna Quartet is a prizewinner in national and international competitions including the MTNA National Competition, the Coltman

Competition, The American Prize and the ENKOR competition. Most recently, in May 2019, Aruna was awarded the Gold Medal and Grand Prize at the 46th Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition held at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

In addition to their competition performances, the Aruna Quartet regularly performs recitals at universities, public schools and conferences including those held by the North American Saxophone Alliance and the Texas Music Educators Association. This past summer, Aruna was invited to perform and teach at the 2019 Asia Pacific Saxophone Academy, which was held at Rangsit University in Bangkok, Thailand. Their performance at Andrews is one of the stops on their Winner's Tour across the Midwest.

The quartet is now actively commissioning and arranging music, presenting educational clinics, and performing on tours throughout the United States and Europe.