In consideration of the performers and other members of the audience, please enter or leave a performance at the end of a composition.

Cameras and recording equipment are not permitted. Please turn off all electronic devices, and be sure that all emergency contact cell phones and pagers are set to silent or vibrate.

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BLACK VIOLET ACT II:
THE GREAT EXODUS OF THE TAMED

October 17, 2014, 8 p.m.  Davis Hall, Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center
Piano Quintet Op. 57 .......................... Dmitri Shostakovich
Quintet Op. 39 .............................. Sergei Prokofiev
Quintet for Winds .......................... John Harbison
Prayer ....................................... Ernest Bloch
In Time of Desperation ....................... Caleb Burhans

Historical Consultant: Kristen Klebba
Story and Illustrations by Ezra Claytan Daniels

About Black Violet:
Fifth House Ensemble is excited to present Black Violet Act II: The Great Exodus of the Tamed, its landmark graphic novel collaboration with Chicago artist Ezra Claytan Daniels. This gripping performance melds vivid imagery and riveting narrative with music of the highest caliber as graphic novel slides illustrate the story.

The Story:
Black Violet takes place during the last major outbreak of the Black Plague in the 17th Century London. During this time, it was widely believed that black cats were the source of the disease decimating Europe. They, along with the other domestic pets, were systematically rounded up and exterminated in an attempt to contain the spread of contagion. With the resulting lack of natural predators, however, London’s rat population skyrocketed – the same population that was in fact the true carrier of the plague. Our story follows Violet, a young black house cat living comfortably in London. When her owner leaves home to do her part to help ease the suffering of London’s afflicted and her caretaker falls prey to the plague, Violet is forced to venture out into the world for the first time in her life. In her search for her owner, Violet faces unimaginable dangers, crosses paths with bizarre characters, and forges unexpected friendships, all amidst one of the most terrifying passages of London’s history.

The Artist:
Ezra Claytan Daniels is a writer and illustrator based in Chicago, IL. His critically acclaimed graphic novel series, The Changers, began a unique comics career peppered with a number of collaborative multimedia projects ranging from video games to animation to feature documentaries. Ezra is also the creator of the popular live art spectacle, The Comic Art Battle, and Loaded Blanks Greetings, a line of fill-in-the-blanks comic-art greeting cards featuring both established as well as up and coming comics artists. His most recent collaboration, an animated short film with experimental video artist Adebutola Budunrin, has screened in over a dozen museums and theaters, including the MFA Boston, REDCAT Theater, ATA San Francisco, and at Art Basel, Switzerland. Ezra is currently working on Upgrade Soul, a pioneering immersive science fiction graphic novel for iOS that has been featured on the App Store and nominated for a 2013 IndieCade Award. Developed for Erik Loyer's Opertoonity comics engine, Upgrade Soul has been displayed in installations at The Hyde Park Art Center, the Wexner Center for the Arts and the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, and was a featured project at the Fantoché International Animation Festival and the Fumetto International Comics Festival.

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About Fifth House:
The Chicago-based Fifth House Ensemble is a versatile and dynamic group praised by the New York Times for its “conviction, authority, and finesse.” Having pioneered the art of narrative chamber music with its signature series Black Violet, The Weaver’s Tales, and In Transit, Fifth House’s innovative programs engage audiences through their connective programming and unexpected performance venues.

SHE is defined by its limitless imagination and energy, and an insatiable desire to bring chamber music to audiences of all types. SHE harnesses the collaborative spirit of chamber music to create transformative cross-media performance experiences that bring together elements as diverse as storytelling, physical theatre, graphic novels, and fashion design. With humor and joy, SHE breathes life into repertoire both established and emerging, equally at home on the most prestigious stages and unexpected venues including aquariums, train stations, and bars.