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VANGUARD CONCERTS PRESENTS MODIGLIANI QUARTET ON MARCH 31

(DAYTON, OHIO) – March 17, 2012 – Vanguard Concerts continues its 50th anniversary season with the Modigliani Quartet from France, performing on Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in The Dayton Art Institute’s NCR Renaissance Auditorium.

The members of the Quartet met while studying at the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique de Paris in 2003. A year later, the Quartet attended their first international competition at the 2004 TROMP international String Quartet Competition in the Netherlands and left with four prizes, including first place. They also won the 2005 Yong Concert Artists European Auditions in Paris and the 2006 Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York. Since then, the group has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, and La Fenice in Venice.

This past November, the Modigliani Quartet toured Australia with world-renowned clarinetist Sabine Meyer. Meyer was the first woman member of the Berlin Orchestra and distinguished as the best clarinetist in the world. For two weeks, the Quartet and Meyer traveled to cities such as Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra. The Western Australian declared that during their performance, “there was such unanimity of action in even the tiniest detail, it seemed as if all five musicians were drawing on a shared musical consciousness.”

After touring with Meyer, the Quartet was invited to perform at the 22nd Huntington Music Festival. The Festival, which features both local Australian artists and international artists, specializes in chamber music. The Huntington Estate is a world-famous vineyard and winery in Mudgee, Australia.

Following the Huntington Music Festival, the Modigliani Quartet returned to Europe and played at venues in France, Austria, and Belgium. In March, the group returned to the United States to perform nine concerts in various cities around the country. Their stop in Dayton will be their last U.S. concert before heading back home to Europe.
Thanks to the generosity and support of private sponsors, the Modigliani Quartet plays on outstanding Italian instruments:

Philippe Bernard plays a 1780 violin by Giovanni Battista Guadagnini.
Loic Rio plays a 1734 violin by Alessandro Gagliano.
Laurent Marfaing plays a 1590 viola by Luigi Mariani.
François Kieffer plays a 1706 cello by Matteo Goffriller (former “Warburg”).

The Modigliani Quartet’s program in Dayton will consist of:

Quartet No. 3 in E-flat Major, JAUN ARRIAGA
Quartet in F Major, Opus 18, No. 1, LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
Quartet No. 2 in D Major, ALEXANDER BORODIN

Tickets for the performance are on sale now and priced at just $20 for adults and $15 for students. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Hauer Music Co. (120 S. Patterson Blvd. in downtown Dayton), the Wright State University Center Box Office, and McCutcheon Music Store (38 Marco Lane in Centerville), online at www.daytonartinstitute.org/vanguard, or by phone at 937-436-0244 or 937-512-0144. Tickets may also be purchased at The Dayton Art Institute the night of the concert.

For more information about this and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook (facebook.com/daytonartinstitute) and Twitter (twitter.com/daytonart) for additional information and exclusive offers.

ABOUT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE
As one of the Miami Valley’s premier fine art museums, The Dayton Art Institute offers a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. The galleries and Museum Store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Suggested admission to the museum’s permanent collection is $8 adults, $5 seniors, active military and groups. Admission is free for museum members, students (18+ w/ID) and youth (17 and under). Some special exhibitions, programs and events may carry an additional charge and include admission to the museum’s permanent collection as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. The Cafe serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-5277 or visit www.daytonartinstitute.org. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The DAI also receives support from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

ABOUT VANGUARD CONCERTS
Vanguard Concerts is a non-profit organization founded in 1962 by Vince and Elana Bolling to present world-class chamber music at The Dayton Art Institute, following the lead of such major institutions as New York’s Metropolitan and Frick Museums, and those of Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

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