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The Cypress String Quartet in the NEIU Jewel Box Series

WHAT: The Jewel Box Series at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) presents the Cypress String Quartet featuring composer George Tsontakis, winner of the 2005 Grawemeyer Award.

This program will follow a pattern the Cypress typically employs, with a work of traditional string quartet repertoire (Beethoven "String Quartet Op. 130") an undiscovered jewel (Charles Tomlinson Griffes "Two Sketches Based on Indian Themes") and something brand new (George Tsontakis "String Quartet #5"-- an original Cypress commission).

Tickets are general admission \$25; senior citizens \$15; students \$10. Call the NEIU Box Office at (773) 442-4636 or visit www.ticketweb.com for tickets.

WHERE: NEIU's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago
(Use the campus entrance located at 3701 West Bryn Mawr Avenue.)
Free parking is available that evening in Lot F and in the Parking Garage

WHEN: Friday, January 19 at 8 p.m.

DETAILS: Praised by the *Los Angeles Times* for their "assured, mature and thorough" interpretations of the classical repertoire, the Cypress String Quartet is reaching out in new ways, with bold programming that ignites interest in chamber music. The quartet has performed to great acclaim at prominent venues worldwide, including appearances at the Kennedy Center, the Chautauqua Institute, the Ravinia Festival, and Stanford Lively Arts.

The Quartet has been widely celebrated for their virtuoso performances, innovative programming and sincere dedication to education and outreach.

Composer George Tsontakis was the 2005 winner of the \$200,000 Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition, arguably the most prestigious award given to a living composer.

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