



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHEVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Asheville Chamber Music Series, is now celebrating the end of its 70th anniversary season of bringing world-class chamber music to Western North Carolina and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Chamber Music Series was founded in 1952 by Joe Vandewart, a refugee from Nazi Germany, along with a small group of friends; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Chamber Music Series continues to present some of the leading chamber ensembles from around the world along with trios, piano quartets, quintets, and larger chamber ensembles, as well as acclaimed soloists; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with its mission, the Asheville Chamber Music Series created a robust Educational Outreach Program in 2009 to reach out to the next generation, expand music education opportunities for students, and inspire a lifelong love of music; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Chamber Music Series participated in the Bi-Annual Amadeus Festival mounted by the Asheville Symphony Orchestra by presenting world-renowned chamber groups in 2015, 2017, and 2019, and again in 2023 by presenting virtuoso banjo player Béla Fleck performing with Asheville's Opal String Quartet; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Asheville Chamber Music Series launched its first Rising Star Series, presented in collaboration with the Asheville Art Museum to feature promising North Carolina musicians embarking on concert careers; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Chamber Music Series is the proud recipient of a 2022-23 North Carolina Arts Council "Spark the Arts Grant" for its work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2023, as "70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHEVILLE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.