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Dorothy Huttenback (1896 - 1987) Dear Chamber Music Enthusiasts, Subscribers and Supporters,

We are thrilled to share The Music Guild's 80th Anniversary Season flier with you. This season will take place at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, located in Westwood at the intersection of Hilgard and Westholme, directly across from UCLA. Known for its remarkable acoustics, this venue has elevated past performances, often inspiring standing ovations during intermissions and at the end of concerts.

For eight decades, The Music Guild has brought world-class chamber music to our community, inspiring countless audiences and nurturing passion for this music across generations. This milestone season reflects not only our enduring commitment to artistry and outreach, but also the passion and support of patrons like you who have made this legacy possible.

As we celebrate this anniversary year, we are excited to present six exceptional programs. Our season will feature the return of Martin Chalifour, the Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, performing alongside his colleagues from the orchestra in a program that promises to be truly extraordinary. Additionally, we are proud to introduce three new world-class ensembles: the Webern Quartet, Trio Italia, and Trio Azura — the 2024 Fischoff Grand Prize winner.

While ticket sales remain essential, they cover only a portion of the costs of presenting these exceptional concerts. They do not fund our outreach activities, which include providing pianos and instruments to schools, holding master classes, organizing school concerts, and expanding our "Kids Teaching Kids" program. It is through the generosity of our donors that we are able to keep these meaningful programs alive and thriving.

This year, your support is more important than ever. We are working tirelessly to modernize and grow—launching a new website, implementing QR code tickets, and exploring ways to expand our concerts to new venues and audiences. Every contribution helps us realize this vision while continuing to bring world-class music to our community. With your donations, we hope to inspire more young musicians, bring music to underserved audiences, and strengthen our programs for generations to come.

As a token of our gratitude, early subscribers and donors (Patron category and above) will receive priority seating. This is just a small way to thank you for your early support.

We are deeply grateful to those of you who have supported us in past seasons. If you are able, we ask that you consider increasing your support this year, or joining our family of donors if you haven't done so before. Whether it's a gift of stock, a charitable IRA contribution, or a direct donation via check or credit card at TheMusicGuild.org/Donate, your gift has a significant impact, no matter the size.

Please keep in mind that seating is limited at St. Alban's, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets early. We look forward to welcoming you to the upcoming concerts, now starting at 7:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at Concerts@TheMusicGuild.org or (310) 558-3500.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. Together, we can ensure that The Music Guild continues to inspire audiences and foster a love of chamber music for generations to come.

With warmest regards,

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Eugene Golden, Executive/Artistic Director

P.S. You can help The Music Guild at no cost by sharing this letter and flier with friends who love chamber music.