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Tokyo String Quartet

PETER OUNDJIAN, Violinist KIKUEI IKEDA, Violinist KAZUHIDE ISOMURA, Violist SADAO HARADA, Cellist

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1982, AT 8:30 RACKHAM AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

PROGRAM

Quartet No. 21 in D major, K. 575 MOZART Allegretto Andante Minuetto: allegretto Allegretto

*"A way a lone" for string quartet TORU TAKEMITSU Moderato

INTERMISSION

Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1 BRAHMS Allegro Romanze: poco adagio Allegretto molto moderato e comodo: un poco piu animato Finale: allegro

Vanguard, DGG, CBS Masterworks, and RCA Records.

*"A way a lone" was commissioned by the Tokyo Quartet and given its world première February 23, 1981, at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Fifty-seventh Concert of the 103rd Season

In the eleven seasons since the Tokyo Quartet was formed, the ensemble has been praised In the eleven seasons since the **Tokyo** Guartet was formed, the custoff has been platsed in 1966 when two members of the Juilliard Quartet, violinist Robert Mann and former violist Raphael Hillyer, taught a chamber music workshop in Japan, working with three of the original quartet members and later helping them come to the United States to study together at Juilliard. In 1969 a guartet was formed at Juilliard and in less than a year won the first of many awards that have brought international acclaim.

A new member of the Quartet is Peter Oundjian, who became first violinist when Koichiro Harada, one of the founding members, resigned to pursue an independent career. Mr. Oundjian, born in Toronto and raised in London, received a master's degree in 1981 from Juilliard and first appeared with the ensemble when they performed quintets during the Van Cliburn Piano Competition in May 1981. His first official performance as a member took place at Carnegie Hall in June. The other three members graduated from the noted Toho Music Conservatory in Tokyo before coming to the United States. Acknowledged as masters of the quartet literature from Haydn and Mozart to Bartók, the

Tokyo Quartet closed its first decade by commissioning works from four composers. In February of last year the Quartet presented the first of the new pieces, Toru Takemitsu's "A way a lone" (heard on this evening's program), to a sold-out house at Carnegie Hall. The next work, by Tod Machover, is scheduled for its première performance in May 1982, with a work by Krzysztof Penderecki planned for the following season. The fourth composer is Benjamin Lees, who is also writing a quartet for the group. The priceless instruments which the musicians play were created more than 300 years ago

by the Italian luthier Nicolo Amati, between 1656 and 1677. They are on loan from the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., which received them as a bequest upon the death of Mrs. William Andrews Clark, widow of the U.S. Senator from Montana. Prior to the bequest, the instruments had been kept in the vaults of the former New York instrument dealers, Rembert Wurlitzer. The Tokyo Quartet returns this evening for its second Ann Arbor performance.

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