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### **Private concert by Penderecki String Quartet tops items at auction**

*Waterloo, Ont. (April 13)* — A private concert by the Penderecki String Quartet tops more than \$12,000 worth of items up for bid at a fund-raising auction at Wilfrid Laurier University on Saturday, April 23.

The auction is part of a three-year campaign to raise \$300,000 to establish the position of a quartet-in-residence, held by the internationally acclaimed quartet since July 1991.

The four artists are active in developing Laurier's chamber music program through teaching and coaching and students have the opportunity to perform with the ensemble. The Penderecki String Quartet continues to tour the world and this spring and summer will perform in Boston, Victoria (B.C.), Holland, Columbia, Germany, Italy, and Austria.

Auctioned live will be the Penderecki String Quartet concert, four VIP packages for the Molson Indy in Toronto July 15 to 17, six VIP passes for Oktoberfest Oct. 7 to 15, a baseball bat signed by the Blue Jays team, one week's accommodation in Barbados, a residential garden design, and an executive tilt chair.

The successful bidder for the top item will receive a 60- to 90-minute performance of a program personally selected from the quartet's large repertoire of classical and 20th-century music.

Another 60 items — from tickets to see Pink Floyd in Toronto July 6 to vacation accommodation, and dinner and concert packages — will be sold according to written bids accepted during the first part of the evening.

Most unusual among them is the commission of a three-minute instrumental or vocal composition by Barrie Cabena. The WLU professor of music is much sought after internationally as a composer, particularly of organ and choral music.

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"No one will be able to sit on their hands at this auction," says event chair Heather Baker. "We've got something for everyone - from the arts enthusiast and the sports fan to the business professional, the homeowner, the gourmet, and the traveller."

The evening will include a 30-minute performance by the Penderecki String Quartet of excerpts from some of the most popular string repertoire. The auction will be followed by a coffee and dessert reception.

The event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the John Aird Centre recital hall. Viewing of the items and bidding will begin at 7 p.m. in the foyer.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the door or in advance by calling 884-0710 ext. 3800. Auction items and tickets may be purchased with cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard.

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### **Items to be sold by silent auction using written bids:**

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| 1. Two concert passes to QuartetFest '94 and two Penderecki String Quartet CD's                          | 33. Two tickets to Stratford's "Cyrano de Bergerac" and accommodation at Twenty-Three Albert for June 2       |
| 2. Set of luggage  | 34. Four tickets to performance by Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra                                      |
| 3. Family membership to WLU's Athletic Complex   | 35. Four tickets to "A Celebration of Song" concert and \$100 gift certificate for dinner at the Metcalfe Inn |
| 4. Family membership to WLU's Athletic Complex   | 36. Four tickets for Kincardine Summer Music Festival   |
| 5. Four Pink Floyd concert tickets for July 6 in Toronto   | 37. Four tickets to Hockey Hall of Fame and two calendars   |
| 6. Two extra large pizzas a month for a year   | 38. Cordless Panasonic telephone  |
| 7. Portable gas barbecue (20,000 btu)  | 39. Meridian display telephone  |
| 8. Gift basket of President's Choice products  | 40. Meridian display telephone  |
| 9. Two Toronto Blue Jays tickets for May 20  | 41. Sony Walkman  |
| 10. Four Toronto Blue Jays tickets   | 42. Advertising time on Oldies 1090   |
| 11. Arnold Palmer "Whooper" metal driver   | 43. Terra cotta and grey glass vase   |
| 12. Three 30-minute massage sessions   | 44. Two subscriptions (five shows each) for Waterloo Showtime   |
| 13. WLU Purple & Gold sweatshirt and other insignia items  | 45. Two nights in a private cabin near Kincardine   |
| 14. WLU graduation ring  | 46. Three days at a cottage on Monck Lake in Haliburton   |
| 15. \$200 gift certificate toward native Canadian art  | 47. Gift certificate from Benjamin's Restaurant and Inn   |
| 16. Three-minute commissioned composition  | 48. Two tickets to "Crazy for You" at Royal Alexandra, \$30 voucher for Ed's Warehouse, return motorcoach     |
| 17. Hand-painted pottery platter   | 49. French horn pin and \$75 gift certificate for Barney's Jewellers  |
| 18. One night's suite accommodation at Walper Terrace  | 50. \$100 gift certificate for Casa Nina  |
| 19. Suite for one night at Jakobstettel Guest House  | 51. PC game software, Sim City 2000   |
| 20. Tilley hat   | 52. Tractor scoop of 10-year-old garden compost   |
| 21. \$25 gift certificate for Cafe Bon Choix   | 53. Philips "LMSI" CD ROM drive and adaptor   |
| 22. \$40 gift certificate for Vincenzo's   | 54. Philips "LMSI" CD ROM drive and adaptor   |
| 23. Lunch for four at Langdon Hall   | 55. Gift basket from Second Cup   |
| 24. \$50 gift certificate for The Pantries   | 56. Hamburger and a drink a week at Harvey's for one year   |
| 25. \$25 gift certificate for Wordsworth Books   | 57. Skill power screwdriver and power wrench  |
| 26. Five CD's featuring 15 Haydn string quartets   | 58. Tickets to "Alice in Wonderland" at the Centre in the Square Nov. 7                                       |
| 27. Basket of dried flowers  | 59. Antique rocking chair   |
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| 29. \$25 gift certificate for Trios Catering Company and \$25 gift certificate for Cameron's Flower Shop |   |
| 30. \$35 gift certificate for Creative Baskets   |   |
| 31. One collector's plate  |   |
| 32. Three months' lessons in modelling and acting  |   |