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Violinist Jeremy Bell joins Laurier's Penderecki String Quartet

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WATERLOO – Laurier's quartet in residence, the Penderecki String Quartet, has a new member. Accomplished violinist Jeremy Bell has replaced Piotr Buczek, sharing the positions of first and second violin with Jerzy Kaplanek.

"Laurier is very pleased that Jeremy accepted our offer," said Anne Hall, dean of the Faculty of Music. "He is a wonderful musician, and his education and experience make him a strong addition to the Quartet and to our performance programs."

Bell has a BMus degree from the University of Toronto. He earned his MMus from the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he is completing his DMA. He has studied with such renowned musicians as David Zafer, Jose-Luis Garcia, George Neikrug and Joyce Robbins.

Bell has performed as soloist with numerous orchestras, including the Toronto Symphony and the Stony Brook Graduate Symphony, and in ARRAYMUSIC productions. He is an avid chamber musician who has studied with members of the Orford, Juilliard, Orion, Fine Arts and Tokyo Quartets. He has also performed at festivals across Canada and the United States.

He has appeared as concertmaster and associate or assistant concertmaster with a number of orchestras, including the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, the Vancouver Symphony, and the New Zealand National Symphony. He has also served as principal violist with Les Violons du Roy in Quebec City.

Among his most recent awards is an Ontario Arts Council Chalmers Career Training Grant.