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## **Birdfoot Festival Announces Spring 2021 Virtual Season in Celebration of 10th Anniversary**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** - The Birdfoot Festival, New Orleans' international chamber music festival, marks its 10th anniversary with a six-part virtual season dedicated to its signature program *Birdfoot Backstage*. Kicking off March 14, 2021, this Sunday series features an exceptional cast of ensembles, each including one or more Birdfoot artists. Each interactive event includes a short performance followed by a deep dive into the music. Whether you are a chamber music connoisseur or a complete newbie, you are invited to join these musicians behind the scenes for a lively exploration of music and the creative process.

With the safety of its artists, staff and audiences in mind, Birdfoot adjusted its format while continuing to offer a musical ode to creativity, resilience, and to the place where the *Backstage* series was born, where so much art was first imagined: the kitchen table, backstage of backstages.

*Birdfoot Backstage* performances are free (suggested donation: \$15-25) if viewed on Birdfoot Festival's YouTube channel. Registration is required to participate actively in the live event and discussion with the artists via Zoom. Tickets are limited to facilitate discussion. Questions and comments will be addressed through the "Chat" function.

First up on Sunday, March 14, 2021 is Philadelphia's renowned Jasper String Quartet in an event that delves into the essential role of rhythm in music by Antonín Dvořák and Florence Price. Events take place on Sundays at 2:30 PM.

### **BIRDFOOT FESTIVAL SPRING 2021 VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

March 14, 2021 Rhythm: Dvořák & Price (Jasper String Quartet )  
March 28, 2021 Texture: Katherine Balch (Argus Quartet)  
April 11, 2021 Voices: Mozart & Haydn (Jenna Sherry and Guests)  
April 25, 2021 Time: Lili Boulanger (Linos Piano Trio)  
May 16, 2021 Gratitude: Beethoven (Borromeo String Quartet)  
May 23, 2021 Memory: Brahms (Jenna Sherry, violin, Shuann Chai, piano, Teunis van der Zwart, natural horn)

In some cases, Backstage events are presented in partnership with online performances by each ensemble. Details about the paired online performance will be available at [www.birdfootfestival.org](http://www.birdfootfestival.org). For example, the March 14 *Backstage* event with the Jasper String Quartet will feature excerpts from their upcoming virtual concert entitled *Spark Joy*, March 18, 2021. More information: [www.jasperchamberconcerts.com/202021-season](http://www.jasperchamberconcerts.com/202021-season).

For more information, full schedule and tickets for the March 14, 2021 event available through the website: <https://birdfootfestival.org/>

**About Birdfoot Festival:** New Orleans' International Chamber Music Festival, the Birdfoot Festival is recognized for its fresh approach and "youthful, rule-bending style," bringing artists and audiences together to make and experience dynamic live chamber music. Birdfoot's playful

and engaging performances connect the timeless themes of classic masterpieces with contemporary sounds, creating unforgettable musical journeys. Celebrating its tenth season, Birdfoot has presented over 150 concerts and events and drawn artists and audiences from across the nation and five continents.

2021 Birdfoot Festival invites you

# Backstage!

*10th Anniversary Season*

