PETER NOCELLA

The music of internationally known composer, Peter Nocella has been performed throughout the USA, Canada, and Europe. He has composed under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation, American Swedish Historical

Museum, Dietrich Foundation,

the Vatican, and has been commissioned by such prominent ballet companies as Pennsylvania Ballet Company, Milwaukee Ballet, Cincinnati Ballet, Swedish State Ballet, and American Ballet Theater with Baryshnikov.

A Tanglewood Fellow, Nocella has performed under Leopold Stokowski, Eugene Ormandy, Eric Leinsdorf, Sir Adrian Boult, Aaron Copland, Sir Wilfred Pelletier, among others. For six years Nocella was music director of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. He received his DMA and MM from Temple University, and his BMA from the Philadelphia Musical Academy.

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The Meiravi Quartet members have impressive individual resumés and performing backgrounds which they each bring enthusiastically to the ensemble, contributing to the Quartet's rich musicality and vibrant sound. The Quartet is unusual, not only because of its composer-in-residence, Peter Nocella, but also because the group is experienced in playing both the classical chamber music repertoire as well as music from a variety of genres—and always with a healthy sampling of music from the 20th and 21st centuries. Concerts might offer music from the world of jazz, as well as global music—a tango from Argentina, a folk song from Alaska's Inuits, or a Chinese lullaby. Every performance will include some musical surprises—and at least one work by an American composer, either from our musical past, the modern repertoire, or a newly commissioned work.

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String Quartet No.1 in Blue, first in a series of four "color" quartets, is based on a three note motive from Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire. The work comprehensively permutates the motive to create the themes, harmonies, and figurations that form its structure. In addition, each movement has its own identifiable themes rendering each its own unique 'personality'. To aid in approaching the work, the listener might contemplate the idea that one fine day, composer Nocella meets composers Duke Ellington and Arnold Schoenberg, and they all sit down to have a musical feast.