

Cavani String Quartet

ERIE--"Zing" will go the strings of your heart when the Cavani String Quartet, winner of the prestigious 1989 Naumburg Chamber Award, preforms at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Thursday, March 23.

The performance, which is free and open to the public, will begin at noon in the Wintergarden of the Reed Union Building. It is part of Music at Noon: The Logan Wintergarden Series, made possible by the Harry A. Logan Jr. Foundation.

The Cavani is the Logan Series' first repeat performer, having first wowed an Erie audience during the Series' 1990-91 debut season. Since that time, the quartet has performed in Carnegie Hall's Centennial

at the Muziekcentrum De Ijsbreker in Amsterdam and New York City's Alice Tully Hall.

In addition to the Naumburg Award, the Cavani has been honored with first prizes in the Cleveland and Carmel quartet competitions, and was named to *Musical America's* "Young Artists of 1989" roster.

Since its founding in 1984, when the musicians, then students at Ohio State, took the name of 19th century Italian violin maker Vincenzo Cavani, the Cavani has been hailed as one of the most exciting and versatile ensembles performing today. "This quartet succeeds like few others in communicating the fun of music-making, the sheer joy of balancing timbers and weaving

sound," a *Washington Post* reviewer wrote following a Corcoran Gallery recital. "It was a stellar performance."

The Cavani's second Logan Series performance, and accompanying residency activities at Penn State-Behrend and Diehl Elementary School and with members of the Erie Junior Philharmonic, is the recipient of a grant from Chamber Music America's Presenter-Community Residency Program funded by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Helen F. Whitaker Fund, and the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation. For more information about the performance, phone Penn State-Behrend at 898-6000.



Photo by Christian Steiner

Cavani performs at Penn State-Behrend Thursday, March 22.

Petition directed towards state officials

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The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) endorsed the distribution of a petition directed towards state officials on Saturday, March 18. The petition calls for a proportional increase in the state appropriation to Penn State University. The Commonwealth campuses of the Penn State system have been experiencing heavy budget cuts and some are in danger of being closed in the future if changes are not made. The petition reads as follows:

We, The undersigned students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the Pennsylvania State University, who are your constituents, oppose any plans to further decrease the state appropriation to the Pennsylvania State University.

Over the last two decades, the state appropriation's contribution to the University's general funds budget has declined from 54 percent in 1976-77 to only 37 percent in 1994-95. During the same period, tuition supported 38 percent of the budget in 1976-77, and now supports 55 percent. Other income has remained relatively stable at 8 to 9 percent of the budget.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has had a commitment to the Penn State University students since the University was founded in 1855. This commitment has, for more than a century, consisted of an assurance from the government that an education from the Pennsylvania State University, be accessible to our public and to our children. The Pennsylvania State University has a total of 23 campuses to better enable an education from The Pennsylvania State University to be geographically accessible. We are asking you, our elected Representatives, to ensure us that an education from the

Pennsylvania State University remains financially accessible to our citizens. Continuing decreases in the state appropriation in proportion to enrollment, which has led to 26 consecutive years of tuition increases, jeopardize this accessibility.

We, the undersigned, believe that education is an irreplaceable investment in Pennsylvania's future and respectfully request your support and commitment. We understand the difficulty of balancing the budget for Pennsylvania, but we humbly ask that you do not try to manage budgeting difficulties by compromising the education of

our children, who are truly Pennsylvania's future.

Respectfully Signed

The Petition will be available to all who wish to sign in the office of the Student Government Association (SGA) in the Reed Union Building. Any volunteers to solicit signatures off campus may pick up a copy in the SGA office. The petition will be submitted by the SGA to CCSG on April 7, 1995. Please show your support for Penn State and sign today.

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