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NEWS RELEASE

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DAYTON, Ohio — Its members hail from Israel, Mexico and Greenville, S.C., and have traveled the globe to compete and perform. But the Amernet String Quartet musicians will be right at home — or almost home — when they visit the University of Dayton to perform in the 2001-2002 Arts Series.

The Cincinnati-based quartet will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on campus. Tickets are \$12 general admission and are available by calling the theater box office at (937) 229-2545.

The evening will be highlighted by a performance of "Prairie Songs," a recent piece for choir and string quartet with its own ties to Cincinnati — it was written by former Cincinnati Bengal Mike Reid, now a Grammy-winning composer. The quartet will be joined in the piece by a chorus comprising UD student and faculty singers.

The Amernet String Quartet achieved international acclaim after just one year as an ensemble when they won the Tokyo International Music Competition in 1992. Members Erez Ofer (violin), Marcia Littlely de Arias (violin), Yoram Youngerman (viola) and Javier Arias-Flores (cello) have, individually and as a whole, earned a number of top awards in music competitions around the globe, from Canada and Europe to Yellow Springs, Ohio.

The quartet maintains a connection with contemporary composers and has worked closely with the likes of David Epstein, John Corigliano, Stephen Dankner, Toshi Ichihyanagi and others. The group currently serves as the Patricia A. Corbett String Quartet in Residence at Northern Kentucky University.

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