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7:30 p.m.

Amphitheatre at the  
City of Auburn Lawn and Porch



# ABOUT THE ARTISTS

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An astounding group of virtuosos—Yo-Yo Ma on cello, Stuart Duncan on fiddle, Edgar Meyer on bass and Chris Thile on mandolin—reunite live for the first time in nearly a decade. Joined by featured vocalist Aoife O’Donovan, the lively talents of these exceptional artists come together on stage to create a singular sound that’s part composed, part improvised and uniquely American—music so complex to pull off that the group likens it to a goat rodeo, airplane pilots’ nickname for a situation in which many different things need to go right to avoid disaster. In the words of the *Los Angeles Times*, this concert presents “unlikely musicians on unlikely instruments in concerts . . . that [are] part blues, part bluegrass and a smidgen of Bach.”

The Grammy-winning *Goat Rodeo Sessions* (2011) was the first step in this pathbreaking collaboration, producing music that NPR’s *World Cafe* called “organic yet composed in a way that only four deeply talented, in-tune musicians could make it,” hinting “at Appalachia, Chinese classical, Celtic and jazz influences.” Now, the group reunites this year to perform a collection of all-new music, accompanied by a new album released in June 2020 by Sony Masterworks. These five musicians’ diverse traditions and experiences intersect to create a compelling sound that is at once global and American, a shared voice that speaks powerfully to the American experience.

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