



Artist: Minneapolis String Project

From: Minneapolis, MN

Genre: Instrumental Jazz|Progressive Acoustic

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Ernest Bisong, David Feily and Greg Byers have spent years performing and honing their musicianship in separate spheres of the Minnesota music scene and come together to form this unique musical partnership. The Minneapolis String Project deviates from the standard repertoire for bowed stringed instruments and draws from jazz, fusion, soul, as well as an array of world music influences. Live performances leave audiences dazzled by their cooperative improvisation and creativity.

Alongside his mainstream classical training, Nigerian-born violinist Ernest Bisong found an appreciation for contemporary musical styles and thus began an exploration of the jazz genre early in his career. In 2012 he performed at SXSW in Austin, TX as part of the Nigerian contingent in an African Showcase. He has since played in numerous groups and opened for such acts as Richard Bona, Mike Stern, Marcus Johnson, Marsha Ambrosius, and Anita Baker.

The first jazz cellist/bassist to graduate from the University of Miami, Greg Byers' pioneering musical style focuses on modern genres, improvisation, and integrating technology. Off stage, he is a passionate educator, dynamic clinician and in-demand recording artist & producer. Recent career highlights include performing with Terence Blanchard & the Turtle Island Quartet, becoming a faculty member at Carleton College, and receiving the 2022 Creative Support for Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

David Feily transplanted to the Twin Cities from Maryland and has firmly planted himself in the music scene as a multi-instrumentalist, composer, musical director, educator, and collaborator. In addition to his contributions to the Minneapolis String Project you can find him in various ensembles such as BZ3 Organ Trio, LA Buckner's BiG HOMiE, and New Sound Underground. He also performs for artists including Charles Lazerus, Steve Cole, The Steeles, Kevin Washington, Yohannes Tona, Jamecia Bennett, Lucia Sarmiento, Esera Tuaolo, and theater troupe Rhythm Street Movement.

