

It is exciting that Duke's own Ciompi Quartet will be playing in celebration of OLLI's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Founded at Duke in 1965 by the renown Italian violinist, Giorgio Ciompi, the Quartet continues to bring music of the highest order to the University and the extended community. The Quartet features: Fred Raimi, Cello; Jonathan Bagg, Viola; Eric Pritchard, Violin; and Hsaio-Meiki Ku, Violin.

All four are Duke professors who are on campus daily, giving lessons, holding classes, and rehearsing their own work. Their international reputation for musicianship and the integrity of their interpretations reflects their ability to use their “collective wisdom...to bring a higher level of interpretation” to their performances. As violinist Hsaio-Meiki Hu puts it:

***“The string quartet is unity; on stage you have to be like one person. We have different personalities; we have different understandings – from Earth to Heaven.”***

You may enjoy a 7 minute documentary about them which can be found at their website, [ciompi.org](http://ciompi.org).