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## **Opening concert for IVCI 25/26 Laureate Series featuring the Sara Caswell Quartet is SOLD OUT**

INDIANAPOLIS – The opening concert of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) 25/26 Laureate Series, featuring the **Sara Caswell Quartet**, is officially sold out.

The performance, which takes place Saturday, September 20 at 2:30 PM at the Madam Walker Theatre, currently has a waiting list for tickets. Those interested in attending should contact the IVCI office to join the list.

The quartet is led by violinist **Sara Caswell**, a respected and distinguished performer and educator. Raised in a musical family in Bloomington, Indiana, Sara began playing violin at age 5 and studied under the tutelage of legendary violinist Josef Gingold and jazz educator David Baker at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She was a participant in the 2002 IVCI Quadrennial Competition and has since become a prominent figure in the jazz world.

The quartet features **Jesse Lewis** on guitar, **Ike Sturm** on bass, and **Jared Schonig** on drums. Together, they have been performing for nearly 15 years, appearing at some of the most celebrated jazz venues around the country. Their latest album, *The Way to You*, showcases their cohesive sound and has been well-received by audiences and critics alike.

For more information on the IVCI or to join the waiting list, please contact the IVCI office at (317) 637-4574 or visit [www.violin.org](http://www.violin.org).

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