01.09.11 SUN | 3:00 PM
LYRE OF ORPHEUS
eighth blackbird
Pacifica Quartet
Julia Bentley, mezzo-soprano
Jesse Langen, banjo
Steve Montague: String Quartet No. 1: in memoriam Barry Anderson & Tomasz Sikorski
George Crumb: Night of the Four Moons
Ralph Shapero: Evocation III
Shulamit Ran: Lyre of Orpheus

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02.13.11 SUN | 2:00 & 7:00 PM
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03.01.11 TUE | 7:30 PM
CONTEMPO DOUBLE-BILL: EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS
Agata Zubel, soprano / composer
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Jason Marsalis Vibes Quartet
Paul Patterson: String Quartet, op. 58
Fusun Koksal: Deux Visions pour Sextuor
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05.18.11 WED | 7:30 PM
TOMORROW’S MUSIC TODAY I
Pacifica Quartet
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Works by UChicago music composition students
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05.22.11 SUN | 3:00 PM
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Cliff Colnot, conductor
Pacifica Quartet
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Works by Jacob Bancks, Michael LaCroix, and Fusun Koksal
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