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The Juilliard String Quartet to host Music Masters Series workshops at OC

ODESSA (Sept. 30, 2010) – The Odessa College music department will host Music Masters Series classes conducted by the Juilliard String Quartet.

A workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15 with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Three separate workshops will be held – Cello, Violin and Viola – from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. All workshops will be held in the OC Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Building.

Those participating in the workshops will be by invitation only. However, the public is invited to come and observe any of the workshops.

The Juilliard String Quartet is internationally renowned and admired for performances characterized by a clarity of structure, beauty of sound, purity of line and an extraordinary unanimity of purpose. Celebrated for its performances of works by composers as diverse as Beethoven, Schubert, Bartók and Elliott Carter, it has long been recognized as the quintessential American string quartet.

In its history, the Juilliard String Quartet has performed a comprehensive repertoire of some 500 works, ranging from the great classical composers to masters of the current century. It was the first ensemble to play all six Bartók quartets in the United States, and it was through the group's performances that the quartets of Arnold Schoenberg were rescued from obscurity. An ardent champion of contemporary American music, the Quartet has premiered more than 60 compositions of American composers, including works by some of America's finest jazz musicians.

For more information about the Music Masters Series workshops contact David Corman, Odessa College vocal instructor, at 335-6631.