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AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLASSICAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT UM
MISSOULA--

The award-winning Anderson String Quartet will present a lecture and concert on Friday, Jan. 29, as part of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana-Missoula.

The quartet's performance, titled "Unity Through Music," begins at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

The Anderson String Quartet, formed in 1989 and named after famed contralto Marian Anderson, is the first African-American classical music ensemble to win a major classical music competition — the 1991 Cleveland Quartet Competition. One of many career highlights was a performance at the 1993 inauguration of President Bill Clinton.

Members are violinist Marianne Henry, violinist Marisa McLeod, violist Diedra Lawrence and cellist Michael Cameron.

Each has had varied musical experiences, ranging from symphony and Broadway musical performances and jazz recordings to teaching positions and motion picture credits. All four have studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and have dedicated themselves to sharing and popularizing classical music.

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