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## **The Young Eight in Concert at Bloomingdale School of Music**

June 8 Concert Features Works by Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and Niels W. Gade

New York, NY – The Young Eight string octet will be in concert on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 – 7 PM at the David Greer Concert Hall of Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street in Manhattan. Repertoire will be string octets by Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and Niels W. Gade.

Tickets for the June 8 concert are \$12. For tickets or more concert information, please call 917-402-1060.

The Young Eight, with violinists Mariana Green-Hill, Kenneth L. Jarvis, John H. Littlejohn and Quinton I. Morris, violists Christopher Jenkins and Dawn Michelle Smith and cellists Ryan Murphy and Tahirah Whittington has established itself as one of the next generation's most dynamic and energetic chamber ensembles, presenting performances in New York City, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Austin. Founded in 2002 at the North Carolina School of the Arts by director Quinton I. Morris, this critically acclaimed African-American octet is dedicated to exposing various communities to the arts through classical music and has been recognized for their dedication to children, music and education.

Members received their music education from The Boston Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music, Indiana University, The Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music, Mannes College of Music, New England Conservatory of Music and Peabody Conservatory of Music. The Young Eight has served as String Octet in Residence at the North Carolina School of the Arts and is currently in residence at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas (where they present a String Seminar for young musicians) and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Michigan. Other residency programs have included the Harlem School of the Arts, Community Music Works, First Philadelphia Charter School for Literacy, and Winston-Salem State University. Learn more about their many program initiatives at <http://www.theyouneight.com>.

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### **FOR JUNE CALENDAR LISTINGS**

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**DATE, TIME & PLACE:** Wednesday, June 8, 2005 – 7 PM – David Greer Concert Hall,  
Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108<sup>th</sup> Street in New York

**PROGRAM:** String octets by Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and Niels W. Gade

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**PERFORMERS:** The Young Eight string octet – violinists Mariana Green-Hill, Kenneth L. Jarvis, John H. Littlejohn and Quinton I. Morris, violists Christopher Jenkins and Dawn Michelle Smith and cellists Ryan Murphy and Tahirah Whittington

**ADMISSION:** \$12

**TICKETS & INFO:** 917-402-1060

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