

MUSE/IQUE

Presents

Beatbox/Bloom @ Jacob Maarse

Monday, April 7

Conductor Rachel Worby to Direct Internationally Acclaimed Doric String Quartet and Percussionist Mona Tavakoli at Iconic Pasadena Florist

Under the direction of Artistic Director and conductor Rachael Worby, the Doric String Quartet and percussionist Mona Tavakoli will collaborate in MUSE/IQUE's Beatbox/Bloom on Monday, April 7 at Jacob Maarse, Pasadena's most famed florist.

As part of the ongoing "Uncorked" series, Worby will direct the Doric Quartet in an unlikely pairing with inventive and passionate percussionist Mona Tavakoli. "This event is all about roots transformed," Worby says. "Witness creation as it unfolds around us with real-time floral designs inspired by the musical merging of traditional string quartets and wild cajon drumming." The program will consist of music from composers spanning from Johann Sebastian Bach to Paul Simon. This musical intersection takes place in the beautiful and fragrant setting of Jacob Maarse with a promise to provide an evening unlike any other that Pasadena has experienced.

MUSE/IQUE connects master artists with new voices across a limitless range of styles. Its counter-conventional performances, which feel more like parties than formal concerts take place in improvised concert halls. In true "Uncorked" fashion, the improvisation takes root at Jacob Maarse, a renovated Cadillac dealership in

Pasadena's historic Playhouse District. For nearly half a century, they have been the gold standard in floral innovation, craftsmanship and aesthetic refinement.

In the two years since MUSE/IQUE was founded by Artistic Director Rachael Worby, it has grown from one performance with a handful of devoted followers to a major cultural presence that reaches vast audiences. Its considerable membership currently numbers more than 500 people. MUSE/IQUE presents its "Uncorked" series at unconventional locations in the fall and spring, and its "Summer of Sound" featuring three outdoor "music parties" on Caltech's Beckman Mall Lawn.

Among MUSE/IQUE's guest artists are Jessye Norman, Charlie Haden, Patti Austin, Mary Wilson, Flea, Rickie Lee Jones, Ellis Hall, Matt Haimovitz, Angela Bassett, Arturo Sandoval and more. Pop-up venues of "Uncorked" have included the Art Center College of Design Sculpture Garden, The Castle Press - one of the nation's largest printing presses, Avon Distribution Factory and others. MUSE/IQUE's "Uncorked" series is made possible in part by the Pasadena Arts and Culture Commission and the City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division.

Beatbox/Bloom will take place at Jacob Maarse Florists at 655 E. Green Street. There will be paid parking in the lot adjacent to the storefront entrance of Jacob Maarse. Limited street parking is also available. Tickets are \$50 per person or free with a MUSE/IQUE membership, which ranges from \$125 to \$1,000. For tickets and additional membership information, please call the Box Office at (626) 539-7085 or visit www.muse-ique.org.