



# ANIMA MUNDI PRODUCTIONS

Healing the soul of the world through the arts

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## Ashland-based concert series dedicates 2022-23 season to celebrating women composers and performers with genre-defying music for all

**Ashland, Oregon**—Anima Mundi Productions has announced the lineup of their 2022-23 concert season. Called *Among Sisters*, it features performances by the double Grammy-nominated Imani Winds, the Portland-based professional female vocal ensemble In Mulieribus, and the legendary Uptown String Quartet.



According to co-artistic director Tiziana DellaRovere, “women’s voices have been silenced or hidden under male pseudonyms. As a result, we’ve all suffered a collective wound. In the spirit of healing and restoring our humanity, we dedicate this season to celebrating remarkable women creators and performers.”

### November 6: IMANI WINDS

Hailed as “dazzling” and “exhilarating” by *The Washington Post*, Imani Winds have led both a revolution and evolution of the wind quintet through their dynamic playing, adventurous programming, and imaginative collaborations over their two decades of music making. In 2016, Imani Winds received their greatest accolade: a permanent presence in the classical music section of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC.

For this program, Anima Mundi partnered with Portland-based Chamber Music Northwest and the Eugene-based Oregon Bach Festival to commission new works by Pacific Northwest composers of color that offer new perspectives into our region’s history and new hope for the region’s future.

**NOTE:** This concert was originally scheduled for May 1, last season, but was postponed due to Covid. Tickets sold to the May concert will be honored, and ticketholders can claim new tickets at will-call. The change of date also caused a change of venue and time. While Anima Mundi Productions’ “Heart of Humanity” concerts normally take place at 3pm at the SOU Music Recital Hall, this concert will be held at 3:30pm at the Ashland Methodist Church on the corner of N. Main and Laurel.

### March 12, 2023: IN MULIERIBUS

In Mulieribus — Latin for “among women” — is a female vocal ensemble dedicated to strengthening community through the art of music, often focusing on repertoire by female composers and for women’s voices. Oregon ArtsWatch has called them “One of Oregon’s premier ensembles” and has stated “The women of In Mulieribus do more than sing choral works; they bring them to life.”

## **May 7, 2023: THE UPTOWN STRING QUARTET**

Founded as part of the Max Roach Double Quartet and including Max Roach's Grammy-nominated daughter, the Uptown String Quartet went on to become a visionary and revolutionary all-female ensemble. They are equally virtuosic in a wide spectrum of musical repertoire and equally comfortable as concert performers, educators, and musical ambassadors. Their 1997 appearance on Mister Rogers was recently recreated onscreen in the 2019 Tom Hanks film, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. Critics have called them "A revitalized, fresh and completely new sound."

### **A very special residency**

Anima Mundi Productions has partnered with several community nonprofits to create opportunities for young people to attend all three concerts. Additionally, the Uptown String Quartet will be in Ashland for a 10-day residency from April 28-May 7, during which they will participate in a series of events with local youth groups and community presentations.

**TICKETS:** [www.HumanityTickets.com](http://www.HumanityTickets.com)  
(541) 833-3066  
[tickets@animamundiproductions.com](mailto:tickets@animamundiproductions.com)

Special reduced ticket pricing is available at the door for students under 25 and Oregon Trail cardholders. Please arrive 30 minutes early to purchase discounted tickets.

### **CONCERT 1: IMANI WINDS**

**DATE:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 3:30pm

**VENUE:** Ashland United Methodist Church, 175 N. Main St, Ashland, OR 97520

### **CONCERT 2: IN MULIERIBUS**

**DATE:** Sunday, March 12, 2023 @ 3:00pm

**VENUE:** SOU Music Recital Hall, 450 S Mountain Ave, Ashland, OR 97520

### **CONCERT 3: UPTOWN STRING QUARTET**

**DATE:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 3:00pm

**VENUE:** SOU Music Recital Hall, 450 S Mountain Ave, Ashland, OR 97520

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### **About Anima Mundi Productions**

The mission of Anima Mundi Productions is to create, present, and produce new musical works that harness the power of the arts to stir the soul, foster community, and address urgent social and environmental problems.

The mission of our **Heart of Humanity Concert Series** is to bring world-class musicians to Oregon to give voice to marginalized people with compassion and depth, turning the concert hall into a space for renewed hope, communal healing, and mutual understanding.