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WHO: The Venere Lute Quartet

WHAT: Renaissance Ensemble Performance

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:00 pm

WHERE: The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road in Ladue

TICKETS: \$24 & \$22 for seniors 62+, full-time students

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One of only a few professional lute ensembles, The Venere Lute Quartet is named after the Italian Renaissance luthier Vendelio Venere, who (like Stradivarius) was regarded among the finest luthiers of his age. Quartet members Douglas Freundlich, Chris Morrongiello, Gail Gillispie, and Philip Rukavina are busy lute professionals in four of America's leading early music centers (Boston, New York, Chicago, and Minneapolis) who share a deep commitment to ensemble playing, scholarship, and education. The Quartet performs Renaissance and Baroque masterworks, appearing throughout the United States and Europe. Some appearances include the Lute Society of America, the Seattle Early Music Guild, La Guitarra California, the Amherst Early Music Festival, the Cambridge Society for Early Music, and the Fodella Foundation Series in Milan, Italy. Their St. Louis program will include music from the Netherlands and Belgium, and music in honor of Galileo Galilei--whose father and brother were professional lute players.

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