

Student Ensembles Committed to Building Audiences

Violinist **Audrey Sproule**, a student of Ivan Zenaty, received funding from the Saskatchewan Arts Board to do a three-week “Rural Residency” tour with her ensemble the Crimson String Quartet (CSQ)⁹. The tour focuses on performing classical music in Canada in rural venues such as schools, community centers, churches, halls, bars and more. The Quartet aims to inspire critically listening to music of all kinds, encourage Saskatchewan communities to integrate live music performance in their lives, cultivate curiosity about string quartet music in children and build active and dedicated audiences. This will be the second year that the ensemble tours Saskatchewan. Last year, the Crimson Quartet performed 25 concerts in two weeks, promoting critically listening to music of all kinds utilizing the string quartet genre. In 2012, CSQ released “Crimson Sunrise” on McGill Records, an album that brings together different perspectives in chamber music.



8. Ivan Zenaty



9. Crimson String Quartet