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## THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

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- The New York Times

Winner: Governors Arts Award  
Semifinalist: President's Council on the Arts and the Humanities  
Coming Up Taller Award  
Two-time Winner: ASCAP-Chamber Music America  
Award for Adventurous Programming

### PRESENTS

The 28th Season

#### Opening Weekend

Friday, August 26 and Saturday August 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m

**WHAT:** The Grand Canyon Music Festival's 28th season opening weekend.

**WHO:** ETHEL: America's premier postclassical string quartet

*"Extraordinarily skilled, passionate musicians."*

- The New York Times

*"Vital and brilliant"*

- The New Yorker

*"They own their own music, and when they want it to roar, they roar."*

- Los Angeles Times

Expect the unexpected when the "high octane chamber group" ETHEL - Cornelius Dufallo, violin, Ralph Farris, viola, Dorothy Lawson, cello, and Mary Rowell, violin – takes the stage at the Grand Canyon Music Festival.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 26 and Saturday August 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m

**WHERE:** Shrine of the Ages, South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up) and students, Season tickets to all 7 concerts, \$90. For more information call 800-997-8285 or 928-638-9215. For complete schedule information and tickets visit

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