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## ROCHESTER'S *fivebyfive* SHOWCASED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE Group selected to perform among country's top chamber music ensembles

Manhattan, N.Y. --Rochester's innovative chamber music ensemble, *fivebyfive*, will kick off the Chamber Music America (CMA) Showcase Performances at [DROM](#) in New York City on January 6, 2023.

*fivebyfive*'s presentation will be the premiere performance of the [2023 CMA Conference: Connect.Transform.Inspire](#) with thirteen additional ensembles to follow. The four-day conference brings ensemble music professionals together to network, share information, and present chamber music written by leading and emerging composers from around the world.

*fivebyfive* is an artist-led Rochester NY-based ensemble formed in 2015 with a mission to engage audiences in the collaborative spirit and creativity of today's chamber music.

*fivebyfive*'s repertoire includes "[a tiny dream](#)" composed by [Anthony R. Green](#). Plus, "[Of Breath and Fire](#)" by [composer/harpist Amy Nam](#), made possible by the [Chamber Music America Classical Commissioning Program](#), with generous funding provided by [The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#).

Both performances will feature accompanying videos. Green's includes a new animation commissioned by *fivebyfive*, and Nam's includes a video produced by [glass artist Madeline Rile Smith](#). Smith's glass instruments inspired Nam's work for *fivebyfive*, and the music imitates the way hot glass expands, pops and morphs in the presence of breath and flame. Nam will join the ensemble as guest electric harpist and Laura Lentz will play a glass flute created by Smith.

"We are so honored to be invited to share these works at this prestigious showcase, in front of impressive presenters, artist managers, educators, and other performing arts professionals, " said Laura Lentz, Artistic Director and flutist. "We are thrilled to be one of 14 ensembles chosen from across the country for this unique opportunity."

- WHO: *fivebyfive* is [Laura Lentz](#), Artistic Director, flute; [Marcy Bacon](#), clarinet; [Ken Luk](#), electric guitar; [Eric J. Polenik](#), bass; [Haeyeun Jeun](#), piano; [Marc Webster](#), Technical Director, audio and video engineer with guest composer/harpist [Amy Nam](#)
- WHAT: Showcase performance at 2023 Chamber Music America Conference
- WHERE: DROM, 85 Avenue A, New York, NY
- WHEN: Friday, January 6, 2023 6pm ET

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