



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Eddy Kwon  
[eddy.kwon@gmail.com](mailto:eddy.kwon@gmail.com)  
651.308.4923



**EDDY KWON AND THE MYCINCINNATI AMBASSADOR ENSEMBLE PRESENT FIVE FREE PERFORMANCES IN APRIL**

*The radical youth string ensemble performs original music inspired by their conversations on social justice. Each concert is paired with a screening of the documentary film made by renowned photographer Michael Wilson and son Henry Wilson.*

**SUN APRIL 12 @ 3 PM - The School for Creative & Performing Arts**  
**FRI APRIL 17 @ 8 PM - University of Cincinnati African American Cultural & Resource Center**  
**SUN APRIL 19 @ 1 PM - Cincinnati Art Museum Fath Auditorium**  
**FRI APRIL 24 @ 6 PM - LISH Gallery Price Hill (3116 Warsaw Ave)**  
**SUN APRIL 26 @ 4 PM - Clifton Cultural Arts Center**

**CINCINNATI, OH APRIL 2015** - The MYCincinnati Ambassador Ensemble is a string sextet of young Price Hill musicians led by violinist, MYCincinnati Assistant Director, and Cincinnati Art Ambassador Fellow Eddy Kwon.

For the 2014-15 school year, the group (ages 12-15) engaged in weekly critical discussions around identity (with a focus on race and gender), social justice, power, and the artist as an agent of change. Using these riveting and intense conversations as creative inspiration, Eddy worked with the students to compose a performance work that organically combines chamber music with themes of social justice. Artistically avant-garde, socially critical, and radiating with youthful energy, the final work is a culmination and celebration of a year's effort and collective growth.

The entire process — from the initial discussions to the intense rehearsals — has been documented by world-renowned photographer **Michael Wilson**. He and his son, Henry Wilson of Cincinnati Recording Service, have been crafting a beautiful documentary film that will be screened at the beginning of each event.

**MYCincinnati** is a free, daily youth orchestra program in Price Hill that uses music as a vehicle for youth development, community engagement, and social change. Over 60 young musicians meet for at least 2 hours every weekday, learning violin, viola, cello, double bass, and playing in an orchestra. MYCincinnati is inspired by El Sistema, Venezuela's national youth development program that is transforming the lives of over 500,000 children annually.

**Eddy Kwon** Eddy Kwon is a violinist, composer, improviser, and teaching artist living in Northside, Cincinnati. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Eddy attended the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a Cincinnati Presidential Full Scholar, graduating with a degree in Jazz Studies. He is founding member of the avant folk quartet The Happy Maladies and Assistant Director of MYCincinnati, a free, daily youth orchestra program in Price Hill. Eddy has been featured as an improviser, composer, and songwriter at the Constella Festival of Music and Fine Art, MidPoint Music Festival, the Contemporary Arts Center, and the Clifton Cultural Arts Center. Recent commissions include a new work for the Contemporary Arts Center's 2015-16 season. In 2014, Eddy was awarded the Arts Ambassador Fellowship from the City of Cincinnati to realize the Ambassador Ensemble project with his students at MYCincinnati.

**For more information:** contact Eddy or visit [www.mycincinnatiorchestra.org](http://www.mycincinnatiorchestra.org)