



**Western  
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Don Wright Faculty of Music

**A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF  
THE LIFE OF RALPH ALDRICH**

Saturday, June 6, 2026  
4 p.m., von Kuster Hall

**Words of Welcome and Reflection**  
Margot Aldrich and Aven Fisher

**Two Songs for Voice, Viola and Piano Op. 91**  
*Gestilte Sehnsucht*

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)  
*arr. Simon Aldrich*

Simon Aldrich, *clarinet*, Annemarie Moorcroft, *viola*, Janelle Scharringa, *piano*

**Reflections**  
Simon Aldrich

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Jonathan De Souza

**Remembering Ralph**  
Slide Show and words from Ralph

**Viola Fight Song**  
*Best-Loved Themes from Famous Viola works*

Michael Kimber  
(b. 1945)

Viola Ensemble of Ralph's friends, colleagues and students

**Reflections**  
Houman Behzadi

**Romanze for Viola Quartet, Op. 85**  
*Andante con moto*

Max Bruch  
(1838-1920)  
*arr. R A Cohen*

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**Reflections**  
Chris Sturby

**Concerto for 4 violas no. 1**  
*Largo*  
*Allegro*  
*Adagio*  
*Vivace*

Georg Philipp Telemann  
(1681-1767)

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**Closing Remarks**  
Simon Aldrich

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