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## Amici Chamber Ensemble's *Levant* wins Classical Album of the Year

The Toronto-based Amici Chamber Ensemble (Amici) has just won the Juno Award for Classical Album of the Year: Solo or Chamber Ensemble for their CD 'Levant' produced by ATMA Classique.

This marks the ensemble's first Juno win. Previously, they have been nominated in the same category for 'Armenian Chamber Music' (2011), and their recordings of Messiaen and Brahms in 1996 and 1999 respectively. The group's first (self-titled) recording featured the 1994 Juno-winning work *Among Friends* by Ka Nin Chan.

"...thanks to brilliant, affecting performances, there isn't a single piece among the 10 works represented that doesn't deserve our attention." –John Terauds, Musical Toronto

"The string playing by Hetherington and guests is rhapsodic and committed and the whole disc exudes polish and thoughtful musicianship." – Larry Beckwith, The WholeNote

Amici Chamber Ensemble Artistic Directors JoJoaquin Valdepeñas (clarinet), David Hetherington (cello) and Serouj Kradjian (piano) are joined by special guests Benjamin Bowman (violin), Setphen Sitarsky (violin) and Steven Dann (viola).

Reviews: [Musical Toronto](#)  
[The WholeNote Magazine](#)  
[Fanfare Magazine](#)

Disk available at: [ATMA Classique](#)

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*Amici Chamber Ensemble has celebrated over twenty-five years as one of Canada's finest and most distinguished chamber music ensembles. Artistic Directors clarinetist Joaquin Valdepeñas, cellist David Hetherington and pianist Serouj Kradjian invite some of the finest*

*musicians to join them in innovative and eclectic programming, celebrating friendship through music.*

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High-resolution photos of Amici Chamber Ensemble, Joaquin Valdepeñas, David Hetherington and Serouj Kradjian are available for download in the Media Room at [www.amiciensemble.com](http://www.amiciensemble.com)