Kronos Quartet at Miami with world premiere

The Kronos Quartet will perform the world premiere of a work by Russian composer Vladimir Martynov at a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Hall Auditorium.

The work was commissioned by the Miami University Performing Arts Series and Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies.

Martynov’s music reflects his wide-ranging interests that include folk music, theology, philosophy, minimalism and medieval Russian and Western music. He was born in 1946 in Moscow and educated at the Moscow Conservatory. His works include a rock-opera, “The Seraphic Visions of St. Francis of Assisi”; “Twelve Victories of King Arthur,” written for seven pianos; and a more recent exploration of religious texts, including a Magnificat in 1993, Stabat Mater in 1994 and Litanies to the Virgin in 2000.

The Kronos Quartet marked its 25th anniversary in 1998, a date that also celebrated its creation of a repertory of 400 new string quartets from composers spanning six continents and at least four generations.

Members of the Kronos are David Harrington and John Sherba, violins; Hank Dutt, viola; and Jennifer Culp, cello.

Tickets are $9 for Miami students and youth, $16 for senior citizens and $18 for other adults. For more information or to charge by phone, call the Miami box office in the Shriver Center, 9-3200.

The concert is sponsored by the Havighurst Center, 97X-WOXY and the Ohio Arts Council.