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Walter Verdehr performs at 7:30 tonight in the MSU Music Building's Cook Recital Hall.

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More than 40 years and hundreds of recordings later, MSU violinist Walter Verdehr (<http://music.msu.edu/event-listing/walter-verdehr-violin-2>) is as busy as ever. Tonight, he performs in the Michigan State University College of Music Artist-Faculty Recital Series.



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Walter Verdehr has been professor of violin at the Michigan State University College of Music for more than four decades. The Yugoslavian native studied throughout Europe and at New York's famed Juilliard School, arriving at MSU in 1973. Prof. Verdehr received the university's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2004.

He and his wife, MSU distinguished professor of clarinet Elsa Ludewig Verdehr, have been the foundation of the Verdehr Trio for most of their musical lives. They've commissioned and recorded hundreds of new musical works and performed countless concerts together.

Current State's Peter Whorf talks with Walter Verdehr about the Verdehr Trio's newest CD release, "American Images 6" and his early performing days with his wife Elsa.

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