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ALIAS ends season with fundraiser, concert

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The all-volunteer chamber ensemble ALIAS will end its season this weekend with a concert and fundraiser to benefit the Shade Tree Family Clinic, a free health service run by Vanderbilt medical students that serves uninsured and underinsured East Nashville residents.

Before the concert, there will be a reception and silent auction for event tickets, jewelry, wine, hotel packages and more.

The group has cobbled together a typically adventurous program of underground music new and old, with a particular focus on women composers. There's a sonata for violin and continuo accompaniment by Isabella Leonarda, who composed more than 200 pieces while living in a convent in 17th century Italy. There's solo harp music by Germaine Tailleferre, a colleague of Ravel's in mid-20th century France. And there's a new, funk-oriented piece for four cellos by ALIAS member Matt Walker, which has the musicians imitating basses and drum sets with their instruments. Music by Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (Felix's sister) and others rounds out the program.

The reception and auction begins at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 8 on Saturday at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music (2400 Blakemore Ave.). Admission is \$12, \$5 for students with ID. For details and tickets call 1-800-838-3006 or visit www.aliasmusic.org.
