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Fortaleza presents music of Andes

Fortaleza will perform traditional and contemporary folk music at the third and final concert sponsored by the Barrington Concert Series at 3 pm Sunday, March 15, in the sanctuary of the White Church on County Road.

The renowned quartet had its beginnings in Bolivia in 1979. The group performs its music on Bolivian instruments which they make themselves and their repertoire includes music from the Andes Mountains, Central American and other Latin American countries.

Fortaleza, which is Spanish for fortress, has performed in New York's Carnegie Hall, Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, and Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. The group was nominated in 1990 for Outstanding World Music Act by the Boston Music Awards. The quartet has also recorded three successful albums and had one of its songs featured in the film "Salvador."

The concert is funded in part by a grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts, with additional support from New England Electric, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets are $6 ($4 for students) and are available at the door.