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behind, and he shifted dynamics throughout without losing steam. In the work's fourth movement, he jumped over and ducked around a melody line with a variety of hurdles, and his bow ricocheted off the

strings rapidly while his fingers kept up.

Danielpour's *String Quartet No. 6 "Addio,"* the center of the concert written on the theme of saying goodbye, had passionate and poignant moments for the entire quartet. Within it seemed to be the unfolding stages of grief and loss, including agitation and anger, acceptance and remem-

brance. The opening and closing movements relied on a heavy post-Romantic language, with a lingering Russian bruteness to it, as Shostakovich's lyric writing might imply; the work's scherzo middle movement captured a slightly lighter side of the work. The quartet walked off the stage one by one at its finish, leaving David Ying to end solo.

Finishing with Mendelssohn's *Quartet in F Minor, Op. 80* gave Huang one last chance to show off his nimble fingers; the Yings all concluded with brilliance.

Just as it's a sad moment when great athletes turn in their running shoes — or figure skates — for greener pastures, it'll also be a sad moment to see Huang depart the Ying Quartet after this year to join the Houston Symphony as its concertmaster. His style and musicianship, with all his virtuosity, seems to work in lockstep with the Yings. Huang and the Yings have two remaining performances together in Rochester in March. □

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