

Left Bank Quartet

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 at 7:30 PM



MAI 25th Season will open with **Left Bank Quartet - David Salness,violin, Sally McLain,violin, Katherine Murdock, viola Eric Kutz, cello**, their diverse and colorful backgrounds, came together through the auspices of the Theater Chamber Players, and rather unexpectedly discovered the joys of a vibrant and enthusiastic collaboration. They have been The Left Bank Quartet since 1999, taking their name from the fact that the Kennedy Center, their first regular venue, is situated on the left bank of the Potomac River. Their combined experiences include participation in the major festivals of the musical world — Aspen, Banff, Chautauqua, Marlboro, Mostly Mozart, Prussia Cove, Ravinia, Santa Fe, Spoleto and Yellow Barn, to name just a few. Their teaching experiences, collaborations, national and international tours, recital and concerto performances, and success in international competitions give this quartet a rich and varied tapestry as they weave their musical message. Their repertoire encompasses eclectic range to the standard fare. Premieres by the Quartet include Mark Wilson's Time Variations (Capstone records), Dream- Crossed Twilight (commissioned by Maryland State Music Teachers 2019) and String Quartet no 4 by Lawrence Moss, recently released on the Innova label. They are faculty members and artists in residence at University of Maryland.

Program: String Quartets by Polish composers Mieczyslaw Weinberg no 8, op 66, Grazyna Bacewicz no 4 and Slavonic composer Dvorak Quartet in Eb major, op 51.

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Duo Amadeae

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at 3 PM



Duo Amadeae, formed in 2014 by sister pianists **Esther Park and Sun-A Park**, is enjoying both their solo and duo career internationally. Recent winners of the Chicago International Duo Piano Competition, Duo Amadeae has performed at prestigious venues such as Chicago Cultural Center, Konzert Saal at the Hochschule für Musik, Munich, to name a few. Both Esther and Sun-A received international recognition in several competitions including first prizes at the 61st Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition (New York), and top prizes at the 5th International Sendai Music Competition (Sendai, 2013), Jose Roca Piano Competition (Valencia, 2013), 58th Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition (Bolzano, 2011), Paderewski International Piano Competition (Bydgoszcz) and the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition (Salt Lake City).

As active performers, the two pianists performed recitals in major venues in United States, Europe, South America, and Asia. Concerto engagements include the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Sendai Philharmonic, San Marino Republic Orchestra, Orchester Haydn, New Jersey Symphony, Albany Symphony, and the Symphonic Orchestra of Castilla y León under the direction of such conductors as Eiji Oue, Arthur Hagen, Krzysztof Urbanski, Alastair Willis, and Murry Sidlin. Besides duet and solo music, they will be joined by pianist Lily Chang for 6 hand music, both originals and arrangements, to celebrate MAI 25 anniversary and holiday season. Join us with your family to see and hear how piano sounds in its full power of dynamic. **Program: solo, duet of Beethoven, Barber, Chopin, Mendelssohn and trio - 6 hands with Lily Chang, music by Rachmaninoff, Gurlitt, Bizet**

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Strata

Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at 7:30 PM



Strata is a coming together of three extraordinary musical talents: **Audrey Andrist, piano, Nathan Williams, clarinet, and James Stern, violin.** (www.stratamusic.org) Their combined credits encompass numerous international prizes and performances across four continents including such places as Carnegie Hall, the Marlboro Festival and the Kennedy Center. Strata brings "deft ensemble playing" and music truly "something to get worked up about". Their repertoire combines the great trio and duo repertoire of the past with an ever-growing body of new works written especially for them over the more than 25 years they have been playing together. All holders of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Juilliard School, they are dedicated to every level of music education, from the mentoring of graduate students and young professionals, to the initial sparking of musical passion in very young children, to the guiding of audiences in what to listen for. Spoken commentary is an integral part of all their concerts. They have done numerous university residencies involving coaching chamber music and both advising and performing the music of young composers. They have appeared at the annual conventions of the Music Teachers Association of California and the International Clarinet Association, made their first CD in 1999 through Amazon. They were featured on NPR's Performance Today, 2018. **Program: Mozart Trio "Kegelstatt" in Eb Major, Larsen "Slang", Joplin "Easy Winners", Balcom "Original Rag", Schumann "Fairy Tales", Arutiunian "Suite".**

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Borisevich Duo - A Love Journey

Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 at 3 PM



"**Nikita Borisevich and Margarita Loukachkina** (www.borisevichduo.com) gave a magical and diverse performance with extraordinarily nuanced artistry, virtuoso fireworks and ensemble collaboration." William Riddle, Artistic and Executive Director of Venetian Arts Society, FL. **Nikita** won the prestigious All Russian Competition in Perm at the age of 15. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the legendary Moscow Conservatory, and completed graduate diplomas as well as a second Master of Music Degree at the Peabody Conservatory of Music with renown violinists and pedagogues Victor Danchenko and Herbert Greenberg. He won numerous chamber music competitions and held top prizes in the Coleman Chamber Music Competition in LA, Chesapeake International Chamber Music Comp. in Easton, MD, the Grand Prize in the International Chamber Music Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia. **Margarita** made her debut at the age of 15, performing Grieg Piano Concerto with the Williamsport Symphony. After studying at the prestigious Gnessin School of Music, she came to US at the age of 16 and has since then performed solo and chamber music recitals across the U.S., Russia and Europe. She holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Peabody Conservatory, serves as Director of Applied Music Garrison Forest School, Young Artist Program and faculty member at the Peabody Preparatory.

Program: music by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Bloch, Waxman, Wieniawski

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