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Count and Countess de Hoernle International Center
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

PROGRAM

Romance in D, Op. 3 for Violin and Piano

Reinhold Glière
(1875-1956)

Elmar Oliveira, violin
Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano

Duetto Concertante No.1 for Violin and Bassoon

Largo – Allegro Moderato

Rondo: (Allegretto Vivo)

N. Paganini
(1782-1840)

Elmar Oliveira, violin
Eric Van der Veer Varner, bassoon

Piano Trio in C Major, K. 548

Allegro

Andante Cantabile

Allegro

W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Elmar Oliveira, violin
Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano
David Cole, cello

INTERMISSION

Lang samer Satz in E-flat Major for String Quartet

A. Webern
(1883-1945)

Elmar Oliveira, violin
Carol Cole- violin
Guillermo Figueroa, viola
David Cole- cello

Piano Quintet in F Minor, Op. 34

J. Brahms
(1833-1897)

Allegro non troppo

Andante, un poco adagio

Scherzo: Allegro

Finale: Poco Sostenuto – Allegro non troppo – Presto, non troppo

Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano
Elmar Oliveira, violin
Carol Cole- violin
Guillermo Figueroa, viola
David Cole- cello

ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Elmar Oliveira is an American violinist whose remarkable combination of impeccable artistry and old- world elegance sets him apart as one of our most celebrated living artists. Oliveira remains the first and only American violinist to win the Gold Medal at Moscow's prestigious Tchaikovsky International Competition. He was the first violinist to receive the coveted Avery Fisher Prize and won First Prize at the Naumburg International Competition. Son of Portuguese immigrants, Oliveira was nine when he began studying the violin with his brother, John Oliveira and then attended the Hartt College of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. He holds honorary doctorates from both the Manhattan School of Music and Binghamton University. In 1997, the Prime Minister of Portugal awarded Elmar the country's highest civilian accolade, The Order of Santiago. Oliveira has performed regularly at the most prestigious international concert venues. He has played with orchestras including the Boston Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Colorado Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Helsinki Philharmonic, Leipzig Gewandhaus, London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic, Saint Louis Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Seattle Symphony, and the Zürich Tonhalle. He has also made extensive recital tours of North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. Oliveira's discography on Artek, Angel, SONY Masterworks, Vox, Delos, IMP, Naxos, Ondine and Melodiya ranges widely from Bach and Vivaldi to the contemporary. His best-selling recording of the Rautavaara Violin Concerto with the Helsinki Philharmonic won a Cannes Classical Award and was chosen as Gramophone's "Editor's Choice". He also received Grammy nominations for his recordings of both the Barber Concerto with Leonard Slatkin and the Saint Louis Symphony and the Bloch and Benjamin

Lees Violin Concertos under the baton of John McGlaughlin Williams. Other recording highlights include the Brahms and Saint-Saëns concertos with Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony, the Joachim Concerto with the London Philharmonic, the complete Brahms sonatas with Jorge Federico Osorio and the rarely heard Respighi and Pizzetti sonatas with pianist Robert Koenig. Two projects of particular historical significance are a CD book set released by violin dealers Bein & Fushi, with Oliveira showcasing thirty exquisite Stradivaris and Guarneri del Gesù, and then a CD of short pieces highlighting the Library of Congress Collection of rare violins on Biddulph Recordings. Elmar Oliveira, has recently announced the inception of the Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition. This competition, will run every three years, is open to any violinist of any nationality between the ages of 16-32 and will not offer only cash prizes, but concerts and career support as well. The Inaugural competition will take place at the Lynn Conservatory of Music, where Elmar Oliveira is Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, January 23 – February 5, 2017. For more detailed information, please visit the web site www.elmaroliveiraivc.org. Additionally, Elmar Oliveira has founded the John Oliveira String Competition, an internal competition at the Lynn Conservatory of Music which is a yearly competition open to all string students at the school. The competition was founded last year in memory of Elmar Oliveira's late brother, the violinist John Oliveira. For more information, please visit <http://www.john-oliveira.com>. Oliveira is passionate about expanding the role and repertoire of the violin as well as championing contemporary music and unjustly neglected works. He is a devoted teacher and promoter of young artists, and also keenly supports the art of contemporary violin and bow making.

Violinist [Carol Cole](#) has appeared at major music centers in twenty-two countries and over twenty-five US States as soloist, chamber musician and orchestra leader, with critical praise for her musical artistry. "She knows how to capture the hearts of her listeners"; *Il Messaggero*, Italy. She has performed in many

prestigious music festivals including the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds, Italy; Jeunesses Musicales, Belgrade; Grand Teton, Wyoming; Festival Miami; Philadelphia's Mozart on the Square; and the String Seminar at Carnegie Hall. Carol has collaborated with the most distinguished artists of our time, including: Leon Fleisher, Rudolf and Peter Serkin, Andre Watts, Yehudi Menuhin, Pinchas Zukerman, Isaac Stern, Henryk Szeryng, Elmar Oliveira, Mstislav Rostropovich, Luciano Pavarotti, Maria Callas, Cecilia Bartoli, Pierre Rampal, Maurice Andre, Myron Bloom, Ricardo Morales, Claudio Abbado, Pablo Casals, Ricardo Muti, Pierre Boulez, Sir Neville Marriner, Daniel Barenboim and Leonard Bernstein. Carol was a member of the Vancouver Symphony, Orchestra La Scala of Milano, RAI Orchestra of Torino, Philadelphia Opera and Ballet orchestras, Philly Pops orchestra, leader and solo violinist of I Solisti Aquilani, and the associate concertmaster of the Florida Philharmonic and Florida Grand Opera. She has recorded for Bongiovanni, Harmonia Mundi, Miramax, Sony, and Eurartists. For twelve summers she was an artist faculty member at the Indiana University's Music Festival and String Academy. At the Curtis Institute of Music she studied with Arnold Steinhardt and chamber music with members of the Guarneri, Budapest and Curtis string quartets. As winner of the San Francisco Symphony Young Artist competition, Carol made her debut with the San Francisco Symphony at age 13. At age 15 she was hailed as "one of the California's most gifted musicians" by the *San Francisco Chronicle* after a flawless performance of Bernstein's *Serenade* for violin and string orchestra. She won top prizes in many violin competitions including: the Stresa International competition and the Performers of Connecticut Chamber Music competition at Yale University. She is laureate of the Romanini and Lipizer International Violin Competitions and the Kennedy Center Competition for Contemporary Music. Recent appearances include performances in Philadelphia with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, tours of Jamaica, China, and Cuba, with Lynn Faculty, and performances of the Beethoven Triple Concerto and the Brahms Double Concerto with the Lynn Philharmonia Orchestra. Carol is currently

Professor of violin and chamber music at Lynn University's Conservatory of Music. Her students have won dozens of awards and professional positions. She is the recipient of the 2014 Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award and was named "2012 Studio Teacher of the Year" by the Florida Chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

A fourth generation musician, [David Cole](#) is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, having studied with his father Orlando Cole, Metta Watts, Leonard Rose, and Zara Nelsova. He participated in master classes with Pablo Casals and recorded Mozart trios with Rudolf Serkin and Pina Carmirelli at the Marlboro festival. He was awarded a Martha Baird Rockefeller grant and as a competition winner was twice soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the National Symphony in Washington, D.C. He has performed in, Canada, England, France Switzerland, Germany, Holland Lithuania, China, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Cuba, and the United States as soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, and recording artist. He has been a member of the Vancouver Symphony and principal cellist with the New Jersey Symphony, the Sinfonica Abruzzese in Italy, the Florida Philharmonic and the Florida Grand Opera. David's love of music and his belief in its power as a living art form have inspired him not only to strive for the highest standards in cello playing, but to devote himself to passing on the knowledge handed down to him by great artists of the past. He began his teaching career as a teenager at the New School of Music in Philadelphia, which was founded by his father's Curtis String Quartet. Presently, David heads the string department at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music and is Lynn's professor of cello and a coach in its chamber music program.

[Guillermo Figueroa](#) is the Principal Conductor of the Santa Fe Symphony, Music Director of the Music in the Mountains Festival in Colorado and Music Director of the Lynn Philharmonia in Florida. Additionally, he was the Music Director of both the New

Mexico Symphony and the Puerto Rico Symphony. With this last orchestra he performed to critical acclaim at Carnegie Hall in 2003, the Kennedy Center in 2004 and Spain in 2005. International appearances include the Toronto Symphony, Iceland Symphony, the Baltic Philharmonic in Poland, Orquesta del Teatro Argentino in La Plata, Xalapa (Mexico), the Orquesta de Cordoba in Spain and the Orquesta Sinfonica de Chile. In the US he has appeared with the symphony orchestras of Detroit, New Jersey, Memphis, Phoenix, Colorado, Tucson, Santa Fe, Fairfax, San Jose, Juilliard Orchestra and the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center. Mr. Figueroa has collaborated with many of the leading artists of our time, including Itzhak Perlman, YoYo Ma, Hilary Hahn, Placido Domingo, Joshua Bell, Olga Kern, Janos Starker, James Galway, Midori, Horacio Gutierrez, the Emerson and Fine Arts String Quartets, Ben Hepner, Rachel Barton Pine, Pepe and Angel Romero, Elmar Oliveira, Vadim Gluzman and Philippe Quint. Mr. Figueroa has conducted the premieres of works by important composers, such as Roberto Sierra, Ernesto Cordero and Miguel del Águila. An advocate for new music, Mr. Figueroa and the NMSO won an Award for Adventurous Programming from the League of American Orchestras in 2007. A renowned violinist as well, his recording of Ernesto Cordero's violin concertos for the Naxos label received a Latin Grammy nomination in 2012. Figueroa was Concertmaster of the New York City Ballet, and a Founding Member and Concertmaster of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, making over fifty recordings for Deutsche Grammophon. Also accomplished on the viola, Figueroa performs frequently as guest of the Fine Arts, American, Amernet and Orion string quartets. Figueroa has given the world premieres of four violin concertos written for him: in 1995 the *Concertino* by Mario Davidovsky, at Carnegie Hall with Orpheus; in 2007 the *Double Concerto* by Harold Farberman, with the American Symphony at Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center; in 2008 the *Violin Concerto* by Miguel del Aguila, commissioned by Figueroa and the NMSO and in 2009 *Insula, Suite Concertante*, by Ernesto Cordero with the Solisti di Zagreb in Zagreb. He has appeared at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Music in the Vineyards in California,

Festival Groba in Spain and Music from Angel Fire. Figueroa has recorded the Three Violin Sonatas by Bartok for the Eroica Classical label, with pianist Robert Koenig, and an album of virtuoso violin music by for the NMSO label, with pianist Ivonne Figueroa. Mr. Figueroa studied with his father and uncle at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico. At the Juilliard School his teachers were Oscar Shumsky and Felix Galimir. His conducting studies were with Harold Farberman in New York.

Pianist [Sheng-Yuan Kuan](#) has performed at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, Taiwan National Concert Hall, and Musikverein in Vienna. She is a featured artist at the Heifetz International Music Institute, KUAF/Fulbright Summer Chamber Music Festival, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music by Candlelight series, and the Sylvia Adalman Chamber Concert Series at Peabody Conservatory. Tim Smith of the Baltimore Sun praised Ms. Kuan as "(having) admirable technical finesse and expressive flair at the piano." Ms. Kuan has collaborated with famed musicians such as Nobuko Imai, Stefan Jackiw, Espen Lilleslatten, Richard Stolzman, KengYuen Tseng, Time for Three, and members of the Borromeo and Parker Quartets and Apollo Trio. She also made appearances at music festivals such as Bowdoin, Aria, Sarasota, Yellow Barn, Gijon Piano Festival and Norfolk Summer Music Festival. Ms. Kuan has received accolades from many competitions, including the 13th Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna (Best Female Pianist Award, 2009), the 12th Taipei Chopin International Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2008), Corpus Christi International Competition in Texas (2nd Prize, 2008), and New York Kosciuszko Chopin Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2003). She was also the recipient of Honolulu Morning Music Club Scholarship, Peabody Conservatory's Career Development Grant, Chamber Music Awards and Accompanying Assistantship. Currently serving as the collaborative pianist at Lynn University, Ms. Kuan holds degrees from the Yale School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. She is a candidate of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree

at the Peabody Conservatory under the guidance of Professor Boris Slutsky. Her teachers have included Peter Frankl, Scott McCarrey and the late Constance Keene.

Bassoonist [Eric Van der Veer Varner](#) has enjoyed a particularly rich and varied musical career. He was the principal bassoonist with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra from 2004 through 2015. He appeared as a soloist with the orchestra on numerous occasions, where his playing was critically hailed as that “of ineffable liquid beauty”. Previously, he held positions with the Ann Arbor Symphony, the Michigan Opera Theater, and the Sarasota Opera. He performs in numerous summer festivals, including the Bellingham Festival of Music, the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, and the Glickman-Popkin Bassoon Camp. Currently professor of bassoon and woodwind department chair at the Lynn Conservatory, Dr. Varner has previously held faculty appointments at Miami University (Ohio), Heidelberg University, and the University of Windsor. He also spent fourteen summers working at the Interlochen Arts Camp, where he was the Assistant Director of the High Schools Boys Division. Dr. Varner is the owner of TrevCo-Varner Music, “the world’s foremost purveyor of fine sheet music for double reeds”. TrevCo-Varner Music is the largest company in the world dedicated solely to double reed music, with over 13,000 titles in stock from publishers all over the world. In his capacity as owner, he is at the forefront of the new music scene, commissioning new works, creating new editions of forgotten gems, and striving to make double reeds more accessible to the public. An active soloist and chamber musician, Dr. Varner has appeared throughout Europe, the United States, and Canada. He is a founding member of the PEN Trio, a *trio d’anche* that explores the both traditional repertoire for reed trio, as well as championing new music. In collaboration with TrevCo Music Publishing, the *PEN Trio Collection* was recently founded in order to publish and disseminate works commissioned by the trio. The 2015 PEN Trio season includes performances in China, Hong Kong and Trinidad as well as tours in Florida and

Texas. This year will also see the recording the PEN Trio's debut album, "Found Objects" with Sound Mirror in New York City, scheduled for release in 2016. Dr. Varner holds the Doctor of Musical Arts (2004) from the University of Michigan, where he also earned a Master of Music (2002) and a Bachelor of Music (1996) degree. He also holds a degree in Artistic Education (1998) from the Mannheim-Heidelberg Conservatory in Mannheim, Germany. His primary teachers were Richard Beene, Alfred Rinderspacher, Hugh Cooper and Michael Dicker.



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- Jon Robertson, dean

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