

Lynn University
Conservatory of Music
presents Viola Master Class
with Basil Vendryes

Tuesday
March 24th
10 a.m.
Lynn University

De Hoernle International Center
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

Free Admission



Basil Vendryes has been Principal Violist of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra since 1993. He is a former member of the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Philharmonic and the Rochester Philharmonic orchestras. As violist with the Aurora String Quartet (1986-95) Mr. Vendryes performed extensively, including recitals in New York, London and Tokyo. He currently serves on the faculties of the Lamont School of Music of the University of Denver, and the Quartet Program at SUNY Fredonia, New York. Mr. Vendryes has served on the faculties of Biola University (CA), California Summer Music at Pebble Beach, and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He is also the founder/director of the Colorado Young Sinfonia, and Music Director of the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestras, both comprised of some of the best young talent in the Denver area.

Basil Vendryes was born in 1961 to West Indian parents, and began his musical training in the public schools at the age of eleven. He received scholarships to the Manhattan School of Music and the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Sally O'Reilly, Francis Tursi and Heidi Castleman. He has appeared as soloist with the Colorado, Aurora, Jefferson, Littleton, Lamont, Centennial, and Biola Symphonies, among others. Festival appearances include Spoleto, Heidelberg, Midsummer Mozart, Ouray, Lake Winnepesaukee, Las Vegas and the Grand Tetons. Working with promising talent is one of his passions, and Basil has given classes in viola and chamber music throughout the United States. Mr. Vendryes was a juror for the 2000 Sphinx Competition for African American and Latino string players.

In April of 2008 Mr. Vendryes performed the American premiere of Giya Kancheli's *Styx* with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra (under the baton of Jeffrey Kahane) to critical acclaim. The Kancheli was subsequently repeated at the League of American Orchestras National Conference in June, resulting in a recording project for Naxos records. The 2008-09 seasons includes performances of the Bartok Concerto (Lamont Symphony Orchestra and Phoenix Symphony Youth Orchestra/Lawrence Golan) and the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante (Colorado Symphony/Hans Graf), as well as several chamber music collaborations and master classes. In the summer of 2009 Mr. Vendryes joins the esteemed faculty of the Monecito Music Festival in California.

Basil Vendryes has recorded chamber music for the CRI and Naxos labels. Mr. Vendryes plays on a rare Italian viola made in 1887 by Carlo Cerruti.

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