

Master of Music Recital

Violin and Piano

Edgar Leite and Dongfang Zhang

Lynn University

Conservatory of Music

Armanick-Goldstein Concert Hall

7:30pm, December 1, 2009

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Dongfang Zhang – Piano

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Sonata V in A major

G.F. Handel

Adagio

Allegro

Largo

Allegro

Sonata in C minor, op.45

E. Grieg

Allegro molto ed appassionato

Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza

Allegro animato

INTERMISSION

Sonata for violin solo, op.115

S. Prokofiev

Moderato

Andante dolce

Con brio

Cantabile in D major

N. Paganini

Girl with flaxen hair

C. Debussy

Café 1930

A. Piazzolla

Edgar Leite was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He studied with the prominent violin pedagogues in Brazil. He served as a concertmaster with Campos do Jordao International Festival and Scalia International Festival (Juiz de Fora). Also, he played with the Brazilian orchestras, such as UNESP Bachelor Orchestra and Bank Boston Chamber Orchestra, as a concertmaster and a soloist.

Edgar has been an active chamber performer. He held numerous concerts touring with the *HaiKai String Trio* in Brazil and won many competitions. For two consecutive years, he won the Chamber Music Competition in Sao Paulo and the Gaetano Zinetti competition in Sanguinetto (Verona, Italy).

He participated in the violin master classes in Brazil with Boris Belkin, Eric Friedman, Soh-Yun Park, Claudio Cruz, Marcelo Guershifield, and Igor Sarudiansky. In the United States, he has taken the master classes with Mathias Tacke, Gerardo Ribeiro, Lewis Kaplan, Elmar Oliveira, Jun-Ching Lin and Arnold Steinhart. He also participated in the chamber music master classes in Budapest (Hungary) with Sandor Devich and Peter Szabo.

Edgar completed the Professional Performance Certificate in 2007. He studied with Sergiu Schwartz (2005-2006) and Elmar Oliveira (2006-2007). Currently, he is a student of Carol Cole, pursuing the Master's degree at Lynn University.

Dongfang Zhang, pianist, was born in China in 1984. Mr. Zhang started to learn piano at the age of 4. He studied in the high school, affiliated to Nanjing Arts Institute, with Professor Chuan Qin when he was 15 years old. In 2003, he started the undergraduate music program at Shanghai Normal University and received the Bachelor's degree in 2007. Mr. Zhang participated in various concerts and competitions since he was 12. He obtained the Piano Performance Level 10 (the highest level) from the Shanghai Musicians' Association for amateurs when he was 13 years old. He had many concert engagements, performing the famous pieces at the prestigious Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai.

As a young pianist, Mr. Zhang won many prizes, such as the 4th Pearl River Cup National Music Contest for the music major students in China. He was the First Prize winner – Music Theory (selectivity 1 of 87 finalists from 29 universities nationwide); runner-up – Piano Solo Performance; the second prize – total score in five contests; the 10th place – Conducting (10/87); contributed to the First Prize of SNU team (1/29). In the summer of 2009, Mr. Zhang was invited to the Performance Association of Bowdoin International Music Festival. Presently, Mr. Zhang is pursuing the Master's degree in music at Lynn University Conservatory, studying collaborative piano with Professor Tao Lin.

