



Sharon Villegas, piano

Professional Performance Certificate Recital

Thursday, December 2, 2021

2021-2022 Season

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Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

Program

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano No. 1, Op. 120
Allegro appassionato
Andante un poco adagio
Allegretto grazioso
Vivace

Johannes Brahms
(1833 – 1897)

Nataniel Farrar, clarinet

Grey Monday

James Stephenson
(b. 1969)

INTERMISSION

Piano Quintet No. 2, Op. 81
Allegro, ma non tanto
Dumka: Andante con moto
Scherzo (Furiant): Molto vivace
Finale: Allegro

Antonin Dvorak
(1841 – 1904)

Sebastian Orellana and Manuel Meneses, violin
Carlos Avendaño, viola
Niloufar Nabikhani, cello

Don't blame me
Jimmy Mchugh/Dorothy Fields
(1894-1969)

Cheesecake
Dexter Gordon
(1923-1990)

Warsaw
Josh Quinlan
(b. 1976)

Josh Quinlan, saxophone

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Sharon Villegas' love of music comes from the influence of her musical Costa Rican family. With the encouragement and support of her parents, she joined the youth program of the University of Costa Rica to study piano at age 6, alongside her sisters who are accomplished performers of flute and oboe.

Since graduating with honors in piano performance from the University of Costa Rica in 2017, Sharon has performed on stage with acclaimed artists Toby Oft (USA), Fabrice Millischer (France), José Sibaja (Costa Rica), Ruben Simeó (Spain), James Ackey (USA) and Faustino Díaz (Mexico.) She has played on recordings and in premieres of renowned Costa Rican composers Andrés Soto, Marvin Camacho, Juan Chin, Susan Campos and Mauricio Zamora.

Sharon has won awards in Musicalia International competition (Cuba), Piano Latinoamericano (Costa Rica) and the International Iberoamerican Piano Competition (Dominican Republic). In 2019, she was a winner of the National Society Arts and Letters Piano and Strings Duo Competition (USA) and in 2021 received the special jury award for Best Orchestral Realization in the Lynn Conservatory Concerto Competition.

Sharon has also dedicated a large part of her career to the exploration of other musical genres such as jazz and latin music with presentations in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia. She is currently studying Collaborative Piano at Lynn University under the tutelage of Professor Lisa Leonard.



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– Jon Robertson, dean

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