

**LYNN**  
Conservatory of Music

2018-2019 Season



Welcome to the 2018-2019 season. The talented students and extraordinary faculty of the Lynn Conservatory of Music take this opportunity to share with you the beautiful world of music. Your ongoing support ensures our place among the premier conservatories of the world and a staple of our community.

- Jon Robertson, dean

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The Leadership Society is the premier annual giving society for donors who are committed to ensuring a standard of excellence at Lynn for all students. Leadership Society donors make an annual gift of \$2,500 or more and have the option of directing their gift to support the Conservatory of Music. Leadership Society donors receive invitations to exclusive events throughout the year that offer opportunities to engage with other Leadership Society donors and university administrators.

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Jovani Williams, Viola  
Bachelor of Music  
Junior Recital Program

Josh Cessna, Piano

Friday, November 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

Boca Raton, Florida

#### *Après un rêve*

**Gabriel Fauré**  
(1845-1924)

#### Suite No. 6 for Solo Violoncello

*Prélude*

*Courante*

**J.S. Bach**  
(1685-1750)

#### Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano

(arr. viola)

*Allegretto ben moderato*

*Allegro*

*Recitativo-Fantasia*

*Allegretto poco mosso*

**César Franck**  
(1822-1890)

Violist **Jovani Williams** started playing the violin at age 13, late by conventional musical standards. Six months thereafter, he captured three trophies at Jamaica's premier performing arts festival and four trophies the following year. Under the tutelage of Mr. Steven Woodham, O.D., Paulette Bellamy O.D., Dr. Lisa Walker and Ralph Fielding, Jovani has racked up acclaim for his stage performances and academics. A two-time scholarship recipient at Interlochen's summer program (Michigan), Jovani joined the Youth Orchestra of the Americas' 2016 Nordic-Baltic Legacy Tour, visiting Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany, becoming the second Jamaican to tour with the orchestra. In Jamaica, Jovani performed with the Immaculate Conception High School Symphony Orchestra and served as concertmaster of their chamber group. Additionally, he was a part-time string tutor for the National Youth Orchestra of Jamaica and concertmaster for the Kingston College Chapel Choir and Chamber Orchestra. In a milestone contribution of national significance, Jovani's splendid violin arrangement of "Evening Time" was featured in the 2015 commemorative video in honour of Jamaica's greatest folklorist, Louise Bennett-Coverly O.D. This piece was commissioned at the behest of The Jovani



is currently a junior at Lynn University, Conservatory of Music, Florida majoring in Viola Performance with Ralph Fielding. Shortly after completing his freshman year, Jovani won a scholarship to the highly selective National Symphony Orchestra's (NSO) Summer Music Institute at the Kennedy Centre. A highlight of that experience was performing at the United States Capitol. In the summer of 2018, Jovani was the featured performer at Class of Life, Classical Concert at the Vera Moody Hall, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts.

**Joshua Cessna** is a collaborative pianist from the Tampa Bay area, currently studying at the Lynn Conservatory for his Masters in Instrumental Collaborative Piano. Joshua was the first place winner of the Florida College System Activity Association's Young Artist Competition in 2013, and has since won concerto competitions at the University of Tampa, and was the First Prize winner of the Performer of the Semester Award at the Hillsborough Community College. He has accompanied extensively throughout the Tampa Bay and Miami areas at various universities and theaters, and in 2016 performed in the orchestra with the Tampa Bay Symphony Orchestra in their performance of the Shostakovich Symphony no. 5. Specializing in vocal collaborative piano, he served as staff pianist for the South Eastern regionals of the 2015 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), where he accompanied several dozens of musical theater duets for the Irene Ryan Scholarship. He has participated in master classes given by Leonidas Lipovetsky, Duncan MacMillan, Rebecca Penneys, Solon Pierce, Frederick Moyer, and Gilles Vonsattel. Joshua received his Bachelors of Music from the University of Tampa, majoring in Piano Performance, in addition to studying voice, viola, and organ performance. Former teachers for piano include Miguel Oquendo, Betty Chester, Benjamin Payne, Ken Hanks, Grigorios Zamparas, and Caren Levine.