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Karen Becker, cello | **Theresa Bogard**, piano

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Program

Seven Variations on the Theme "Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen" Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Sonate for Piano and Cello (1905) Mélanie Hélène Bonis
(1858-1937)

Moderato quasi andante - Allegretto

Très lent

Final: Moderato molto, Allegro con fuoco

INTERMISSION

Pequena Suite (1913) Heitor Villa-Lobos
(1887-1959)

Romancette

Legendária

Harmonias soltas

Fugato

Melodía

Gavotte-Scherzo

Sonata for Cello and Piano (1957) George Walker
(1922-2018)

Allegro passionato

Sostenuto

Allegro

The 2024 **BECKER-BOGARD DUO** tour features music of Beethoven, Mélanie Hélène Bonis, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and George Walker. In October 2023 Centaur Records released the Duo's CD *American Landscapes*, which includes the *Barber Sonata*, Libby Larsen's *Juba*, Atlanta composer Laurence Sherr's *Elegy and Vision for solo cello*, *Monodies* by Missouri composer Warren Gooch, and the George Walker *Sonata for Cello and Piano*. The recording is available for streaming on Apple Music, Amazon Music, Spotify, and ArkivMusic.

Cellist Karen Becker is a passionate and dedicated soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. Performances have taken her around the world to places such as the Czech Republic, England, Korea, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, and throughout the United States. National and international festival appearances include serving as faculty artist for the International Cello Institute, the Ameropa Music Festival in Prague, Omaha Conservatory's SoundWaves, and the Red Lodge Music Festival. She has given cello and chamber masterclasses around the world and for the American String Teachers Association. In addition to the duo, Becker is cellist of the Concordia String Trio. Their recordings, *Viennese String Trios*, *American Vistas*, and *From the Heart of Ra*, are also on the Centaur label and available to stream. In 2021 Becker gave the Nebraska premiere of Swedish composer Kurt Atterberg's beautiful neo-romantic cello concerto with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, for which she plays principal cello. Becker has recorded for several PBS documentaries and independent films, including *Ashes from the Dust*, *Monkey Trial*, *Willa Cather: The Road is All*, and *Lovely Still*, and can be heard on the CD *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn* with the band Bright Eyes. She has been featured numerous times on American Public Media's *Performance Today*. Becker is cello professor and chamber music coach at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

American pianist, **THERESA BOGARD**, is a dynamic, versatile performer dedicated to expanding the canon of traditional piano repertoire. Her early career focused on performances of music by women composers, and she continues to include works by other lesser-known composers in her varied programs. As a recipient of a coveted Fulbright grant, Bogard was able to explore her interest in historical performance practice and fortepiano studying at the Royal Conservatory of the Hague in the Netherlands. That same year she was a top-prize winner in the International Mozart Fortepiano Competition in Bruges, Belgium. A world traveler with a passion for other cultures, Bogard has performed on five continents in Belgium, Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy, Mexico, Bolivia, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Singapore, and throughout the United States. Her extensive discography includes a wide variety of recordings ranging from solo piano to chamber music collaborations, from music of living composers to her specialty in fortepiano and historical performance practice. She has served on the faculty of the InterHarmony International Music Festival in Italy and the Sulzbach-Rosenberg International Music Festival in Germany and has performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and at the Ravinia Steans Institute with cellist Misha Quint. Dr. Bogard is a Steinway Artist.



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