

Upcoming Events

Creative Writing Reading Series Collaboration: <i>Uncanny Valley</i> by John Gibson	11/5	Organ Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
Contemporary Artist Music Series: Shilo Stroman	11/6	Organ Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
Carnero String Quartet	11/7	Organ Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
Opera: <i>Patience</i> by Gilbert and Sullivan	11/8, 11/9, 11/15	Griffin Concert Hall	7:30 p.m.
Early Music Chamber Recital	11/11	Organ Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
University Art Museum Gallery Talk: "Arts of the North: Arctic & Pacific Northwest Coast Native Arts in <i>Nature Inspired</i> " by Dr. Emily Moore	11/12	University Art Museum	2 p.m.
Jazz Combos Concert	11/12	Griffin Concert Hall	7:30 p.m.
Virtuoso Series Concert, Special Guests Jun Qian, Clarinet & Kae Hosoda -Ayer,Piano	11/12	Organ Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
Creative Writing Reading Series: 4x4 - Regional Creative Writing Programs	11/14	University Art Museum	7:30 p.m.
Avenir Museum Third Thursday Lecture: "Luxurious Embellishment - A Brief History of Lace" with Dr. Susan J. Torntore, Avenir Curator	11/14	136 UCA Annex,	7 p.m.
Dance: Fall Dance Concert	11/15, 11/16	University Dance Theatre	8 p.m.

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Virtuoso Series Recital

Duo Francois

November 4, 2013

7:30 P.M.

Organ Recital Hall

Sonatasatz (Scherzo) Op. Posth.

J. Brahms
 (1833-1897)

Sonata No. 1 in D Minor Op. 75

Camille Saint-Saens
 (1835-1921)

Allegro Agitato - Adagio
 Allegretto Moderato
 Allegro Molto

-- Intermission --

One After One in Time: Fourth Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 83 (2013)
 Andrew Paul MacDonald (b. 1958)

Bounce – Agitato
 Beatitudes – Adagio
 Variation Choruses – Maestoso – Allegro Vivace

**Commissioned by the Duo Francois*



Performer Biographies

The Duo Francois combines the extraordinary gifts of Canadian violinist, **Ronald Francois** and Mexican pianist, **Silvana Santinelli**. The energetic ensemble has quickly become well known and sought after for their dynamic performances. The Duo brings together two internationally accompanied soloists and chamber musicians, who combine charisma, musical command, synchronicity and virtuosity.

Ron Francois' performances as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician have consistently won the acclaim of notable musicians. "...A fantastic violinist...a big talent," said Abram Shtern concertmaster of the Kiev State Opera and professor at the Kiev Conservatory. Others proclaim Francois' playing as "...extremely musical... Francois plays with great sensitivity and warmth," said concert violinist, Daniel Heifetz. "...A wonderful musician...sensitive ensemble player and a brilliant violinist," said Michael Tree from the Guarneri String Quartet.

A recipient of the Quebec Arts Council Grant, Francois began his career under the tutelage of concert violinist, Daniel Heifetz. Francois concertized with Heifetz as soloist and as a member of his "Classical Band". Consequently, Francois has performed several major solo works with orchestras in Canada and throughout the United States.

As a chamber musician Ron Francois' experience is far reaching. As a former member of the internationally acclaimed chamber ensemble, "I Musici de Montreal," Francois toured extensively and recorded two CDs with this ensemble on the Naxos Label. For five years, Francois served as the violinist for the beloved Mendelssohn Trio based in Colorado. With this group he recently performed in Germany and Austria. Having collaborated with musicians from the world's great orchestras including Boris Garlitsky, Arkady Fomin and James Werhman in chamber music concerts, Francois also collaborates regularly with music faculty at CSU.

Founder of the "Duo Francois" with pianist Silvana Santinelli, Ron Francois has performed extensively in the United States, Canada, China and Mexico. Most recently, award-winning Canadian composer Andrew MacDonald has completed his 4th sonata for the Duo Francois. Award-winning American composer James David will also be writing a sonata for the duo in the near future.

In addition to his performance activities, Ron Francois serves as Head of the String Division at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado where he has been on the faculty since 2002.

Silvana Santinelli showed clear signs of musical talent when she began her piano studies in her native Mexico. She has performed in Russia, Czech Republic, France, Canada, China and Switzerland, in addition to the United States and Mexico. A former Fulbright scholar, Dr. Santinelli's many accomplishments include being the first prize winner at the age of eight years old, of the Mexican National Piano Competition.

At the age of fourteen, she made her solo debut with the San Antonio Symphony, performing the Ravel Piano Concerto in G Major, after winning first prize in the Young Artist Award Competition.

Other accomplishments include being the winner of the Ulrich Piano Competition, in Maryland, the French International Piano Festival Competition in Paris and the Josef Hoffman International Piano Competition. She was prize winner in the Corpus Christi International Concerto and Piano Solo Contest, the Kingsville International Young Performers Competition, the Mid-Texas Symphony Society Young Artist Contest, and the Five Towns Music and Art Foundation. Dr. Santinelli was a semifinalist in the San Antonio International Piano Competition, the Missouri International Piano Competition, and the New Orleans International Piano Competition, and the New Orleans International Piano Competition.

Dr. Santinelli's performances have taken her to concert halls worldwide, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City; The Phillips Collection in Washington DC; Sala Cortot in Paris, France; the Chopin Festival in Marianzke Lazne, Czech Republic; the Rachmaninoff Festival in Tambov Russia; the International Piano Festival in Valle di Blenio, Switzerland. Her acclaimed performance at the 85th season of the Tuesday Musical Club in San Antonio, Texas has been featured on National Public Radio. Future projects include a series of concerts and master classes in Guanajuato, Celaya, and Xalapa, Mexico for the 2012-2013 season.

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