

# 2009-2010 CONCERT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 9/12/09 7:30 PM

**Marcos Granados, Flute**  
**Jeongeun Yom, Piano**  
Venezuelan Ambassador's Residence  
2443 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Marco Granados, brilliant flutist, returns to The Embassy Series with a scintillating program. Grammy-nominated performer, Marco Granados, a native of Venezuela, has received worldwide acclaim for his diverse flute repertoire, dynamic sense of rhythm and exhilarating style. Prokofiev, Guastavino, Roussel, Mozart, J.S. Bach.

\$70 includes buffet

WEDNESDAY 9/23/09 7:30 PM

**Jerome Barry, Baritone**  
**Michael Adcock, Piano**  
Embassy of Lithuania  
2622 16th Street, NW

Jerome Barry highlights songs composed in the Jewish Ghetto in Vilnius during World War II. A very insightful view into the hearts of the Jewish people during this very trying time. In commemoration of Vilna Ghetto Day.

\$65 includes reception

TUESDAY 10/6/09 7:30 PM

**Gaukhar Murzabekova, Violin**  
Embassy of Kazakhstan  
1401 16th Street, NW

Gaukhar Murzabekova is founder and artistic director of one of the leading chamber orchestras of Central Asia, The Camerata of Kazakhstan and is a eminently accomplished soloist. The elegant Kazakh Embassy contains a museum of Kazakh relics from the past three centuries. Limited tickets.

\$100 includes buffet

TUESDAY 10/20/09 7:30 PM

**Aimo Pagin, Piano**  
Romanian Ambassador's Residence  
2500 30th Street, NW

Aimo Pagin has embarked on a rising career, performing at Carnegie Hall, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, and the Festival Chopin in Paris.

\$85 includes buffet

FRIDAY 10/23/09 7:30 PM

In Honor of Cuban Cultural Day  
**The Music of Cuba Featuring**  
**Gerardo Perez Capdevila, Guitar**  
Cuban Interests Section  
2630 16th Street, NW

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Gerardo Perez Capdevila has obtained five national prizes in Cuba and international prizes in Poland, Germany, Venezuela, Mexico, Chile and France. In Martinique, Gerardo obtained the "First Prize of Composition" with the work "Hemistiquio" for guitar. American guitarist Eliot Fisk, hails Capdevila's "virtuoso technique and a natural musicality that delight the audience." Renowned for performing diverse musical styles – including flamenco, bossa nova, pop, smooth jazz and traditional Cuban music – Gerardo will play the music of Cuban composer and pianist Ernesto Lecuona, as well as Spanish guitar music.

\$60 includes buffet

FRIDAY 11/13/09 7:30 PM

SATURDAY 11/14/09 7:30 PM  
**The Music of Bahrain**  
Embassy/Residence of Bahrain  
3502 International Drive, NW

Join us for a wonderful celebration of Bahraini music with outstanding artists from Bahrain. A lavish buffet follows. This is our first Embassy Series concert highlighting a Persian Gulf state. Come celebrate with us.

\$100 includes buffet

FRIDAY 11/20/09 7:30 PM

**Lee-Chin Siow, Violin**  
**Enrique Graf, Piano**  
Embassy of Singapore  
3501 International Place, NW

Praised by The Cleveland Plain Dealer, "Here was a lark that ascended with utmost grace and sang in the loveliest of voices" and critically-acclaimed in The London Times, "Lee-Chin...teased out the glitter of Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy with aplomb," Lee-Chin has performed to critical acclaim throughout the world,

from Carnegie Hall to the Osaka Symphony Hall, Japan. Lee-Chin won the Gold Medal at the 1994 Henryk Szeryng International Violin Competition and the 1994 Louise D. McMahon International Music Competition for Strings.

\$65 includes reception

FRIDAY 12/4/09 7:30 PM

**Kinan Azmeh, Clarinet**  
**Dinuk Wijeratne, Piano, Composer**  
Syrian Ambassador's Residence

Hailed as a "virtuoso" by the New York Times and "engagingly flamboyant" by the Los Angeles Times, Kinan Azmeh is one of Syria's rising stars. His utterly distinctive sound is now fast gaining international recognition. Born in Damascus, Kinan was the first Arab to win the premier prize at the 1997 Nicolai Rubinstein International Competition, Moscow. Kinan has appeared worldwide as a soloist and composer. Notable appearances include: Opera Bastille, Paris; Tchaikovsky Grand Hall, Moscow; Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall, New York; the Royal Albert hall, London; Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires; der Philharmonie; Berlin; the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.; and the opening concert of the Damascus Opera House.

\$100 includes buffet

WEDNESDAY 12/16/09 7:30 PM

Beethoven's Birthday  
**Ann Schein, Piano**  
**Earl Carlyss, Violin**  
**Jerome Barry, Baritone**  
Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany  
4645 Reservoir Road, NW

These three outstanding artists have frequently performed together on The Embassy Series. The program will include piano and violin sonatas and songs of Beethoven. This special event with limited tickets sells out quickly.

\$55 includes cold buffet

FRIDAY 1/29/10 7:30 PM

Schubert's Birthday  
**Matthias Soucek, Piano**



Embassy of Austria  
3524 International Court, NW

Austrian Pianist Matthias Soucek studied in Vienna. He was the youngest winner of the "International Brahms-Competition" in Hamburg, Germany (1999) and was also awarded the "Palm Beach Invitational Piano Competition," "Concorso Internazionale di Musica G. B. Viotti" (Italy), the International Beethoven-piano-competition (Austria) and many others. He played concerts at the Royal Dublin Society Concert Hall, Auditorium de Zaragoza, Casals Hall Tokyo and gave his debut at the world famous "Golden Concert Hall of the Musikverein" in Vienna. We proudly welcome back Matthias as he performs Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert. He brilliantly expresses all kinds of feelings, such as lyrical, hymnic, dreamy as well as fiery, impulsive, frivolous and coquettish moods which engulf the audience and leave each listener spellbound.

\$40 includes reception / \$50 after October 15<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY 3/12/10 7:30 PM

**Inna Faliks, Piano**  
Embassy of Ukraine  
3350 M Street, NW

Inna Faliks holds her Doctorate in Piano Performance from Stony Brook University, her Bachelors and Masters in Piano Performance from Peabody Conservatory, and her Artist Diploma from the Accademia Pianistica Internazionale in Imola, Italy. She debuted with the Chicago Symphony at 15 and performed worldwide with orchestras, in recitals, and with conductors such as Leonard Slatkin and Keith Lockhart. The first prize winner of the International Pro Musician Award 2005, she gave recitals in Carnegie Hall, Paris's Salle Cortot, Metropolitan Museum, and many others. Other prizes include International first prizes in Hilton Head Competition, St. Charles Competition, etc. She has performed in Verbier, Bargemusic, Brevard, and other important music festivals and was featured on television and

radio worldwide. Freidlin, Chopin, Schumann and others.  
\$75 includes buffet

MONDAY 3/22/10 7:30 PM

**Till Fellner, Piano**



Embassy of Austria  
In cooperation with the National Gallery of Art  
3524 International Court, NW

Till Fellner continues his mammoth U.S. Beethoven Tour with a marvelous program of sonatas. Born in Vienna, Till Fellner studied with Helene Sedo-Stadler before going on to study privately with Alfred Brendel, Meira Farkas, Oleg Maisenberg and Claus-Christian Schuster. Fellner has performed with many of the world's most famous orchestras and has appeared in major concert halls and at important festivals in Europe, the United States and Japan. Till Fellner will play all Beethoven piano sonatas in a cycle that will span seven concerts during two seasons. The complete cycle will be presented in New York, Tokyo, London, Paris and Vienna and other cities.

\$40 includes reception / \$50 after November 15<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY 4/23/10 7:30 PM

**Meri Siirala, Soprano**  
Finnish Ambassador's Residence

Soprano Meri Siirala graduated with a Masters in Music, receiving the highest grade from the Opera Department of the Sibelius Academy in 2008. Meri has worked with numerous conductors including Pertti Pekkanen, Yuri Nitta and Christian Hauschild and performs regularly as an oratorio soloist, in J.S. Bach's St. John's Passion, St. Mattheus Passion, Cantata BWV 51 Jauchzet Gott, G. Verdi's Requiem, Mozart's Requiem, Exsultate jubilate, Great Mass in c, A. Vivaldi's RV626 In furore iustissimae irae, Charpentier's Messe de minuit, Orff's Carmina Burana, Gothoni's Der Ochs und sein Hirte and Schubert's Mass in G, which was broadcast live on Estonian National television. Meri Siirala is a frequent soloist at music festivals throughout Finland and in June 2008 she sang in Paris at the Finland 100% Festival.

\$100 includes buffet reception

SATURDAY 5/8/10 7:30 PM

**Dariusz Skoraczewski, Cello**  
**Michael Adcock, Piano**  
Embassy of Poland  
2640 16th Street, NW

Piano and cello music of Chopin and Samuel Barber in commemoration of the 200th birthday of Chopin and 100th birthday of Samuel Barber.

\$65 includes buffet reception

SATURDAY 5/22/10 7:30 PM

(Artists to be Announced)  
Icelandic Ambassador's Residence  
2443 Kalorama Road, NW

The Embassy Series will present a great Icelandic artist at the elegant residence. Watch www.embassyseries.org for further details.

\$100 includes buffet reception

SATURDAY 6/12/10 7:30 PM

**An Evening of Tango**  
(Artists to be Announced)  
Embassy of Argentina  
1600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW  
\$75 includes reception

Order today! You will be notified immediately if there are any new additions to the schedule. Programs and artists are subject to change.

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