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EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
3900 SPRING OF FREEDOM, LN , NW
JAROSLAV SVECENY, VIOLIN
VÁCLAV MÁCHA, PIANO

Tuesday, October 24, 2017- **7:00pm**

Jaroslav Svěcený is one of the most notable contemporary Czech violinists. Svěcený's numerous concert tours and festival performances have taken him across Europe, to the USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Russia, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Algiers, Libya, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines. To date, he has recorded **44 albums with works by international and Czech composers**; many have been awarded gold or platinum discs. He was the first Czech violinist to record a CD for Sony Classical. In 1996, he was awarded the prestigious Masaryk Academy of Performing Arts Prize for creative artistic activity. Since then, he has won many awards, such as the Golden Plaque of the President of the Republic in 2010. He is also the co-founder of several prestigious Czech festivals and recently became active as a composer, premiering *Strings for NYC* in 2013.



Program: Beethoven, Janáček, Piazzola, Dvořák, Smetana. Buffet, wine, Czech beer. \$95.

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NILKO ANDREAS GUARIN, GUITAR &
FRIENDS
IN COOPERATION WITH UNA/NCA IN
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NATIONS DAY

Friday, October 27, 2017- 7:30pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Classical Guitarist **Nilko Andreas Guarin** has been praised as an “electrifying performer for his powerful stage presence and spontaneity that grows irresistible”. Since his Carnegie Hall debut in 2009 performing with the “Azlo Orchestra,” Nilko Andreas has been captivating audiences on two continents as a soloist and chamber musician. Guarin is the recipient of several awards including “The Recognition Award” by the city of New York for his contributions to the Arts. Nilko will be assisted by cellist, Molly Aronson and flutist Laura del Sol. Featured will dances from Colombia as well from around the world. Inspirational works of Piazzolla, Kolosko, Mejia, Uribe, Villa-Lobos and more. **Buffet/wine/inc.valet parking \$150**



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JACQUES-PIERRE MALAN, CELLO
SAHUN HONG, PIANO

Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 7:30pm

Jacques-Pierre Malan, is the winner of several national and international competitions in his home country. They are the ABSA National String Competition 2001, Philip H Moore Music Competition 2005, Rhona Lubner Concerto Competition 2007, UNISA Grade 8 Scholarship Bursary Competition 2008, ATKV MUZIQ Solo Competition 2009, SAMRO Overseas Scholarship Competition 2012 (2nd and special prizes) and the Wakkerstroom Overseas Bursary Competition 2012 (2nd prize). Jacques-Pierre also won prizes in the United States which include the Yale Gordon Competition in 2011 and the Baltimore Music Club Competition in 2014. **Buffet/drinks/\$110**



MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
2829 SIXTEENTH STREET, NW
“PAISAJES SONOROS”
PAULINA DERBEZ, VIOLIN
ARACELI SALAZAR, PIANO

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:30pm

This dynamic Mexican Duo will play a wonderful program of Mexican and European composers. They are superb representatives of Mexican Chamber music of the 20th and 21st century and their performance will take place in the magnificent Mexican Cultural Institute Music Room, which is decorated with art and is a replica of the Fontainebleau mansion of France. **“PAISAJES SONOROS”** is a rare treat



and will feature composers such as Revueltas, César Franck, Manuel Ponce and others. **Mexican delicacies/ wine/beer and limited parking at the Institute. \$90.**

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FARAH SIRAJ, GUITAR, VOICE
ANDREAS ARNOLD, GUITAR
ANDRES ROTMISTROVSKY, ELECTRIC
BASS,
MARCELO WOLOSKI, PERCUSSION

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:30pm

Renowned Jordanian virtuoso **Farah Siraj** balances a career that spans the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Farah has performed at some of the world's most prestigious platforms, including the *United Nations, Nobel Prize Hall, World Economic Forum, The John F. Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, MTV and Coke Studio*. Farah has performed before

King
Abdullah
II and
Queen
Rania of
Jordan,
King Juan
Carlos of



Spain and HE Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon. In addition, Farah represents Jordan annually on *United Nations World Peace Day*. To this date, Farah has toured the Middle East, Europe, India, South America and the United States, spreading the message of peace through her music. In 2011 Farah internationally released her album entitled *NOMAD*, funded personally by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan. In *NOMAD*, Farah fuses her influences of Middle Eastern music, flamenco, jazz, bossa and pop, including more than 30 internationally acclaimed musicians from around the world. Farah was chosen as one of New

York's "*Summer Stars of Jazz*" and named "*the Norah Jones of the Middle East*" by *New York Time Out*. In June 2014, Farah released her latest album, *Dunya*, meaning "world" in Arabic and Hindi. Farah currently leads an ethnically diverse quintet of *Arabian Flamenco Jazz*, with world-class musicians from the Middle East, Europe, the United States and South America. During her tour of India, Farah shared the stage with India's most renowned composer, A.R. Rahman, performing *Zariya* live on MTV. The song hit #1 in the music charts in India and #3 in the Middle East. **Middle Eastern buffet/drinks/\$90.**

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