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EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA ☀️
3051 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW**

**THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH
OF NELSON MANDELA**

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 7:30pm

Artists TBA

Musical program/buffet/wine/Valet parking- \$95- all inclusive

**EMBASSY OF HUNGARY ☀️
2950 SPRING OF FREEDOM LANE, NW**

**ANN SCHEIN, PIANO
DARRETT ADKINS, CELLO**

Friday, October 5, 2018, 7:30pm



Ann Schein has performed with conductors including George Szell, Seiji Ozawa, James dePreist, David Zinman, Stanislaw Skrowacewski, James Levine, and Sir Colin Davis. She has made appearances with major orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Chicago Symphony, as well as the Washington National Symphony and the Baltimore Symphony. In England, she has had multiple

performances with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic and the London Symphony. **Darrett Adkins** has recorded with the Juilliard Quartet and been a guest at the festivals of Melbourne, Oslo Chamber Music, Ojai, Aspen, Tanglewood, and Chautauqua. He has performed standard concerti with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, Tokyo Philharmonic, Suwon Philharmonic, National Symphony of the UFF in Rio de Janeiro, and the symphonies of New Hampshire and North Carolina. **Program:** Liszt, Chopin, Kodály. **Buffet/wine/\$95.**

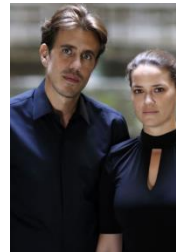


**RESIDENCE OF THE BELGIAN
AMBASSADOR ☀️ (LIMITED SEATING)
2300 FOXHALL ROAD, NW**

**DE MAEYER-KENDE DUO
JOLENTE DE MAEYER, VIOLIN
NIKOLAAS KENDE, PIANO**

Monday, October 8, 2018, 7:30pm

Praised for interpretive sensitivity and precision, Belgian duo **Jolente De Maeyer (violin) and Nikolaas Kende (piano)** The two prizewinning artists joined forces in 2002, and continue to triumph at home and abroad. This year, De Maeyer was named Outstanding Young Artist by Belgian National Radio for her recording with Kende of Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, and the CD won the Gold Label Prize for best chamber music album by Klassiek Centraal (Belgium) in 2016. Competition in 2014. Buffet/wine- \$150- Limited parking on premises.



**RESIDENCE OF THE POLISH
AMBASSADOR ☀️ Valet Parking
3041 WHITEHAVEN STREET, NW
100th ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH
INDEPENDENCE**

ANDRZEJ WIERCIAŃSKI, PIANO

Friday, October 19, 2018, 7:30pm

Andrzej Wierciński was born in Poland in 1995 and started his musical adventure on the piano, at the age of six. The National Competition for Young

Pianists in Warsaw (1st prize, 2012), the International F. Chopin Competition in Darmstadt (finalist and special prize for the best Polish pianist, 2013), First prize at the 46th Polish F. Chopin Competition in Warsaw, also then gaining an expanded following of listeners. **Program:** Chopin - Mazurkas op.24; Liszt - Hungarian rhapsody in c-sharp minor no.12; S. Rachmaninov - Corelli variations in d minor op.42; S. Prokofiev - Sonata in B-flat major op.83 no.7. Buffet/wine- \$150 -**Valet Parking.**



**PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE-
NEW VENUE ☀️ Limited space
3100 GARRISON ST., NW**

MYRIAM AVALOS, PIANO

Friday, October 26, 2018, 7:30pm

Passion and power, expression and sensitivity – words used over and over again in praise of **Myriam Avalos**. Her performances and master classes throughout the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Asia have earned her critical acclaim as a soloist, chamber musician, clinician and pedagogue. In 2004, Dr. Avalos was conferred the title of Cultural Ambassador by the Government of Peru. **Program:** Mozart, Schubert. Debussy, Granados and De Falla. Buffet reception/ wine/Pisco Sours- \$150



**COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE ☀️ Valet Parking**

1520 20th STREET, NW

Friday, November 2, 2018, 7:30pm

Artists TBA

Musical program/buffet/wine/Valet parking- \$150

**ICELAND AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE ☀
2443 KALORAMA ST., NW -LIMITED SPACE**

**KRISTINN SIGMUNDSSON, BASS
ANNA GUDNY GUDMUNDSDOTTIR,
PIANO**

Sunday, November 4, 2018, 4:00pm



This is such a great talent! Do not miss this outstanding artist.

Lauded for his portrayal of Baron Ochs in **Der Rosenkavalier** that he "dealt in revelations," the *Financial Times* further

praises Icelandic bass **Kristinn Sigmundsson**, "His tone dark and his dynamic range broad, he exuded raw power, crusty lust and comic bravado, all reinforced by a trace of gravitas." In the 2017-18 season, Sigmundsson joins the Edinburgh International Festival for Commendatore in **Don Giovanni**, and Atlanta Opera for Daland in **Der fliegende Holländer**. **Program:** Operatic arias and Icelandic Songs. Buffet/wine- \$125

**EMBASSY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ☀
3523 INTERNATIONAL COURT, NW**

**MIRIAM RODRIGUEZ BRÜLLOVÁ, GUITAR
DALIBOR KARVAY, VIOLIN**

Monday, November 19, 2018, 7:30pm



Karvay-violin and M. R. Brüllová-guitar-two exceptional artists. In the year 2009, Dalibor won the prize of



the Slovak Minister of Culture for excellent artistic results and a successful international interpretation of Slovak interpretative arts. Both have performed with many

world orchestras and in many countries of the world. Buffet/wine- \$95.

**EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ☀
3900 SPRING OF FREEDOM LANE, NW**

LOBKOWICZ TRIO

**LUKÁŠ KLÁNSKÝ, PIANO
JAN MRÁČEK, VIOLIN
IVAN VOKÁČ, CELLO**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:30pm

All three members of **Lobkowicz Trio** are renowned soloists and chamber players. The ensemble embraced their experience from many stages home and abroad on the International Johannes Brahms Competition 2014 in Pörschach, Austria, where they won the First Prize and the Prize of the Audience. **Program:** Otomar Kvěch (1950-2018): Trio for violin, cello and piano; Bohuslav Martinů (1890-1959) Piano trio no 2, d-minor; Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) Piano trio no 3, f-minor; Buffet reception/wine- \$95

**EMBASSY OF AUSTRIA ◇
3524 INTERNATIONAL COURT, NW**

**JULIAN SCHWARZ, CELLO
MARIKA BOURNAKI, PIANO**

A NIGHT IN VIENNA

Friday, March 29, 2019, 7:30pm

Mr. Schwarz and Ms. Bournaki have appeared on WUOL (Louisville, KY) and in hour-long live radio broadcasts for "Northwest Focus Live" on Classical King FM 98.1 (Seattle, WA) and "Backstage Pass" for WXXI (Rochester, NY). The duo has worked closely with violinists Mark Fewer, Yevgeny Kutik, Eric Silberger, Frank Almond, Avi Nagin, and Mark Peskanov, as well as given a performance of the Beethoven Triple Concerto with violinist Jo Nardolillo and the Lake Union Civic Orchestra in



Seattle, Washington. **Marika Bournaki** is a Canadian pianist from Montreal, QC. She has toured internationally as soloist and recitalist, and was the subject of the award-winning documentary "I am Not a Rockstar", chronicling her development from age 12 to 20. She received both BM and MM degrees from The Juilliard School, and is a member of Piano Six, the Next Generation.



Julian Schwarz is an Austrian-American cellist from Seattle, WA. He was the 1st prizewinner in the 2013 Inaugural Schoenfeld International String Competition in Hong Kong. **Program:** Beethoven:

Variations on Mozart's Magic Flute; Webern: 2 Early Pieces and 3 Little Pieces' Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata; Danzi Variations on Mozart's Don Giovanni; Schumann: "Rhapsody" from Faschingschwank aus Wien (Solo Piano); Korngold: "Much ado about Nothing" trans. J Schwarz: Fantasy on themes from Die Fledermaus. Reception/wine- \$75

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