

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 7:30 ▶ 4,139TH CONCERT

Alice Tully Hall, Starr Theater, Adrienne Arsht Stage

Home of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

KRISTIN LEE, violin
ARNAUD SUSSMANN, violin
MATTHEW LIPMAN, viola
PAUL NEUBAUER, viola
KEITH ROBINSON, cello
INBAL SEGEV, cello

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Quintet in C minor for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Cello, Op. 104 (1794-95, arr. 1817)

(1770-1827)

- ▶ Allegro con brio
- Andante cantabile con variazioni
- ▶ Menuetto: Quasi allegro

Two Cellos (1920, 1924)

▶ Finale: Prestissimo

LEE, SUSSMANN, LIPMAN, NEUBAUER, ROBINSON

ERWIN SCHULHOFF

Sextet for Two Violins, Two Violas, and

(1894-1942)

- ▶ Allegro risoluto
- ▶ Tranquillo: Andante
- ▶ Burlesca: Allegro molto con spirito
- ▶ Molto adagio

LEE, SUSSMANN, LIPMAN, NEUBAUER, ROBINSON, SEGEV

INTERMISSION

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

(1841-1904)

Sextet in A major for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Two Cellos, Op. 48 (1878)

- ▶ Allegro moderato
- ▶ Dumka (Elegie): Poco allegretto
- ▶ Furiant: Presto
- Finale: Tema con variazioni: Allegretto grazioso quasi andantino

SUSSMANN, LEE, NEUBAUER, LIPMAN, SEGEV, ROBINSON

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ABOUT TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Dear Listener,

We greet you with a "thank you" for attending this concert. Our program tonight consists of three works which bear little obvious connection to one another. Certainly, CMS offers plenty of programs that are strongly thematic, such as all-Beethoven, or which are anchored by one obvious work, such as the seven programs coming soon which complete our "Milestones" 50th anniversary season. However, strong programs can result from the sonic and stylistic diversity, the juxtaposition of seemingly opposing elements, and the electricity generated by hearing them in close succession. Such is the program you are about to hear. We'd like to share with you a quote from the second composer on today's concert, Erwin Schulhoff. In 1919, after recuperating from wounds he received serving on the Russian front during World War I, Schulhoff organized a festival of avant-garde music. Accompanying his festival was this manifesto:

"Absolute art is revolution, it requires additional facets for development, leads to overthrow (coups) in order to open new paths... and is the most powerful in music.... The idea of revolution in art has evolved for decades, under whatever sun the creators live, in that for them art is the commonality of man. This is particularly true in music, because this art form is the liveliest, and as a result reflects the revolution most strongly and deeply—the complete escape from imperialistic tonality and rhythm, the climb to an ecstatic change for the better."

Now we can begin to connect the dots between the works on this concert: these words of Schulhoff could easily have come from Beethoven. Indeed, the quintet that begins the program was, at the time Beethoven originally composed it, a truly revolutionary work: the third of his three Op. 1 Piano Trios. The first two being rather friendly, his erstwhile teacher Haydn advised that only those be published, that the third was too provocative for the Viennese public. Not only did Beethoven publish it anyway, but returned to it 22 years later, arranging it in the version performed tonight. Schulhoff's sextet, composed shortly after his avant-garde festival, offers a similarly riveting listening experience, every moment of it filled with the spirit of freedom, experimentation, and even revolution.

And, one final connection: Schulhoff, born in Prague, was encouraged into music by none other than his countryman Antonín Dvořák. This wildly popular sextet by the elder master will go far to clear the revolutionary clouds in Alice Tully Hall.

Enjoy the concert,

David Finckel

Wu Han

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NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

One of the first concerts I played when live music started coming back was with an ensemble of 12 string players. I was taken by surprise when I felt a visceral reaction through the vibrations of string sounds, and the next thing I realized were tears rolling down my face. The rumbling of the cello, the strident sound of the violins singing in unison, the luscious alto of the viola... all these string instruments creating harmonious music together was exactly what I was missing when we couldn't perform live concerts. I'm extremely excited that my first concert back with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center at Alice Tully Hall will be just that—a glorious string ensemble program where one can experience these tangible moments only in a live performance. The program begins with a rarely performed string quintet in C minor by Ludwig van Beethoven—a piece that is more familiar to listeners in a piano trio version, followed by an ominous but incredibly colorful sextet by Erwin Schulhoff, and finishing off with the charming and vivacious sextet by Antonín Dvořák, I can't wait to share these moments with my colleagues and with all of you!

-Kristin Lee

Quintet in C minor for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Cello, Op. 104

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

- ▶ Born December 16, 1770, in Bonn.
- ▶ Died March 26, 1827, in Vienna.

Composed in 1794-95, arr. 1817.

- Tonight is the first CMS performance of this arrangement.
- Duration: 30 minutes

In 1802, Ludwig van Beethoven encountered some unsatisfactory arrangements of his Septet (Op. 20) and First Symphony (Op. 21). He wrote to his publishers in a huff: "The making of transcriptions is on the whole a thing against which nowadays (in our prolific age of transcriptions) a composer would merely struggle in vain; but at least he is entitled to demand that the publishers shall mention the fact on the title page, so that his honor as a composer may not be infringed nor the public deceived."

Lax copyright laws and an increased interest in versions of large-scale concert works that could be performed at home made the turn of the 19th century a boom time for arrangers, and Beethoven's feelings on the issue were complicated. He did not like to go through the messy process of transcribing himself, admitting he lacked the "patience to do work of that kind." However, for practical and financial reasons he allowed arrangements of his symphonies and other works that were produced by his students to be made public once he signed off on them. Still, there were limits to what he would accept, in particular in what he saw as the risky translation process involved in taking a piece for keyboard and re-working it for strings. In that same letter to his publisher, he insisted that "the

unnatural mania, now so prevalent, for transferring even pianoforte compositions to string instruments, instruments which in all respects are so different from one another, should really be checked."

In the ensuing decade and a half, he seemed to have developed at least a sense of humor about this "unnatural mania," if not an all-out enthusiasm for it. In 1817, one Herr Kaufmann, an amateur composer in his circle, brought Beethoven a string quintet transcription of the Piano Trio in C minor (Op. 1, No. 3). Beethoven took it up, made substantial revisions, and published the quintet version as his Op. 104. On one of the publishing proofs, the composer crossed out "quintet" and replaced it with a cheeky inscription, oddly referred to Kaufmann as "Herr Goodwill," and describing the piece as a "trio, arranged as a threepart quintet" which was "brought to the light of day from an appearance of 5 parts to 5 actual parts, and at the same time raised from great misery to some respectability by Herr Benevolence... N.B. The original three-part quintet score has been sacrificed as a solemn burnt offering to the Underlords."

Kaufmann's version, it appears, had simply distributed the trio's piano part among the three other instruments. To give it some respectability, Ludwig van Benevolence spread the material out more evenly, dropped in some juicy pizzicatos, and removed some of the overly pianistic turns and gestures. The result proves Beethoven's skill at this much-maligned practice—an ability to adjust, subtract, and add music to a source work in order to both preserve something of the meaning and impact of the original and also make something satisfying in its own right.

When Joseph Haydn first heard Beethoven's C minor piano trio in 1795, he was quite shocked. He did not think the public would understand it, and advised Beethoven against publishing it together with the other two Op. 1 trios. The dramatic, improvisatory opening; the exploratory harmonies and modulations heard throughout the first movement; the sudden changes in dynamic-these are all things we have come to associate with Beethoven, but which might not have been expected from a debut piano trio performed at a soiree. The extroverted and virtuosic piano writing must also have been jarring to Haydn, and this is something that is exaggerated to great effect in the quintet version, where the first

violin and second viola trade off to create a whirlwind of scale figures.

The second movement of the trio, a theme and variation set in E-flat major on a prayer-like theme, seems to come from a more conservative Beethoven when compared to the drama of the first. But the quintet texture allows for greater contrapuntal complexity and variety, and the E-flat minor variation produces a haunting, muted texture that shows the composer's understanding of the opportunities for tenderness that a string arrangement affords. In the minuet, C minor returns, and polyrhythmic violin figures dominate. The major-key trio involves a totally unpredictable pattern of phrase lengths, along with snippets of a Schubertian cello melody. The explosive finale once again features some delightfully frantic transpositions of piano arpeggios for violin and viola. The shimmering, pianissimo ending is well served by strings, which can perfectly control the final fade to nothing—a poignant dissipation of the uncontrollable energy that comes before it.

Sextet for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Two Cellos

ERWIN SCHULHOFF

- ▶ Born June 8, 1894, in Prague.
- ▶ Died August 18, 1942, in a concentration camp at Wülzburg, Germany.

Composed in 1920 and 1924.

Duration: 22 minutes

- Premiered on July 19, 1924, in Donaueschingen by the Zika Quartet, violist Paul Hindemith, and cellist Rudolf Hindemith.
- ▶ First CMS performance on January 18, 2000, by violinists Carmit Zori and Ida Levin, violists Paul Neubauer and Lawrence Dutton, and cellists Gary Hoffman and Fred Sherry.

The growling triplet that the cello plays at the bottom of its range at the start of Erwin Schulhoff's String Sextet, the notes C—G—D-flat, form a disjunct melodic motif. This simple shape is transposed, re-ordered,

rotated in various ways, and turned into distinctive harmonies and melodies played by all six instruments over the course of the work's opening Allegro risoluto. These notes are often heard together as a chord in the form of vigorous, marching rhythms, and this turns them into a species of atonal keycenter that marks a sense of return and stability across the various characters and textures that appear throughout the movement. This is music loosely inspired by the pre-serial methods of the Second Viennese School-Arnold Schoenberg, Anton Webern, Schulhoff's good friend Alban Berg, and others who sought ways to create consistency across the melodic and harmonic landscape of a piece without

relying on the forms and tropes of tonal harmony.

The density of that Allegro is quite another world from the opening of the following movement, a Tranquillo that unfolds calmly above an impressionistic ostinato. The melodies are modal, unpredictable, but spacious and comfortable. The ostinato always winds its way to a soothing resolution: usually touching on the familiar gesture of G-D-flat-C before resetting; and at the very end, settling on a unison C. The following *Burlesca*, a neoclassical scherzo in an infectious 5/8 meter, is full of sparkling tunes. Two accelerando passages lead to showy climaxes, with all of the players traversing their instruments with patterns that

SELF-PORTRAIT: PAUL NEUBAUER

"I grew up in a house where music was always on the radio. My mom loved music. My father loved music. My older sister played the cello; my older brother played the violin; and as the youngest I was the lucky one who got to play the viola. My mother had met the great Viennese violist Paul Doktor before she was married and they kept in touch and one day she wrote to him and said, 'Your godson has been born and we named him Paul after you' and we developed a very close relationship over the years.

"There was this constant feeling of, oh, that's your godfather, Paul Doktor. Do you want to hear his recording of this or his recording of that? And so there was this influence. Not all the time but it was sort-of in the periphery there was always this... feeling of my destiny. My destiny that I was named after Paul Doktor. My destiny of playing the viola because of him. And somehow I think that inspired me to work hard and to try to find my voice with viola."

To watch the entire video Self-Portrait: Paul Neubauer, visit the Watch and Listen section of the CMS website.

recall the first movement's motif. The work closes with a loosely structured *Adagio*. The second cello and first violin take turns playing mournful passages that recall the variety of tempos and textures of the previous movements. In the final, "murmuring" coda, the cellos endlessly play C and G, while the other instruments search for resolution, finally adding a D-flat to end on that tense but by now familiar tonality.

Schulhoff was born in Prague in 1894 to German-Jewish parents. He wrote the first movement of his sextet in April of 1920, while he was living and studying in Dresden. At the time, he was mostly working on two kinds of music. Some was ironic and conceptual: in 1919 he wrote a proto-John-Cage movement for piano called In Futurum that was all rests in ridiculous time signatures, to be played "with expression and feeling." He was also writing atonal, expressionist works, which satisfied some of his desire to break from the post-Romantic nostalgia of other early 20th-century composers. But over the next years, he made significant changes to his musical style. He went back to Czechoslovakia in 1923 and on his return home to Prague he developed an interest in folk music and in neoclassicism. When he resumed work on the String Sextet in 1924, he wrote another three movements using a new set of compositional strategies, and the piece was premiered later that year by Paul Hindemith, his brother Rudolph, and the Zika Quartet.

Despite the stylistic contrast heard in the sextet, Schulhoff blends the four movements together by carefully deploying the melodic motif from the *Allegro* throughout the work. Those notes take on a variably tonal and atonal identity, and make this work a fascinating



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experiment in the controlled comparison of musical styles. For me, the aural impact of this stylistic confrontation is not necessarily that it shows what different early 20th-century approaches to composition have in common, but rather that it clarifies how they produce different effects and meanings when using the same melodic toolkit.

Schulhoff was always curious about such ways to combine different musical languages. He mixed atonal and expressionist methods with neoclassical structures and rhythms; he was interested in incorporating jazz idioms into instrumental and symphonic works; and his 1929 Don Juan-inspired opera *Plameny* featured a playful blend of genres, from chant to Mozart imitation to late Romanticism to atonal music and jazz. In the 1930s, he began composing in a Soviet Realist style, which was in line with his communist politics, and looked back on some of his earlier work as elitist. The works Schulhoff produced in this later period seemed to be aimed at a broader public, though they maintained the distinctive emphasis on subtle, large-scale integration that he had developed through his style-bending experiments of the previous decades. When the

Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939, he lost his few streams of income. He tried to immigrate to the Soviet Union and his application was approved in 1941 but before he could leave, he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Wülzburg. He continued to work on his late symphonies while imprisoned until his death of tuberculosis in August of 1942. ◆

Sextet in A major for Two Violins, Two Violas, and Two Cellos, Op. 48

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

- ▶ Born September 8, 1841, in Nelahozeves, Bohemia.
- Died May 1, 1904, in Prague.

Composed May 14-27, 1878.

- Premiered on November 9, 1879, in Berlin led by violinist Joseph Joachim.
- ▶ First CMS performance on January 30, 1972, by the Guarneri Quartet, violist Walter Trampler, and cellist Leslie Parnas.
- Duration: 31 minutes

1878 was a big year for Antonín Dvořák. His Slavonic Dances (Op. 46) were a huge hit and were soon performed and popular across Europe and the United States. Dvořák's new publisher, Simrock, was anxious to capitalize on this success and asked him to provide more works in his new "Slavonic" style. He quickly obliged with Op. 47, a set of bagatelles for two violins, cello, and harmonium that could easily be played at home; Op. 49, a rhapsodic Mazurek for violin and piano; and a Sextet for Strings in A major (Op. 48), which represented an important milestone in Dvořák's attempts to incorporate



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Slavonic dances and forms into more traditional concert repertoires.

The sextet was premiered at a private event by the violinist Joseph Joachim and friends in mid-1879. a concert that Dvořák thoroughly enjoyed, feeling that the performers "played with great understanding and enthusiasm." The artists took the piece on tour, first giving it in Berlin and then in London. The excitement around Dvořák's work at this time cannot be understated-critics, amateur musicians, and professional gatekeepers alike seemed in awe of his ability to consistently produce well-crafted music. The reviewer from The Daily Telegraph at the 1880 London performance of the sextet was blown away: "Dvořák keeps his parts ever on the move, and revels in the exercise of polyphonic art.... The rule is clearness, such as enables the listener to follow alike both general plan and filling in. Some of the details confer upon the work an exquisite piquancy and grace; and a first hearing of the entire composition involves a series of surprises, so unexpected and new are

the abounding touches of the master's hand. Clearly we must know much more of Dvořák, and that soon."

The sextet was the first of his many chamber compositions that feature a Dumka, a mixed-tempo, elegiac ballad whose form has origins in Slavic epic poetry. The Dumka heard in this piece is particularly melancholy, though a central episode in the warm key of F-sharp major provides hopeful notes. The third movement is a Furiant, a vigorous Czech dance that has an important place in many of the composer's "Slavonic" works. Generally, a Furiant switches between 2-beat and 3-beat metrical patterns, but in the sextet the composer instead creates contrast by abruptly changing key and character for a central trio section.

The more typically structured outer movements show the composer's emerging style in more subtle ways. In expansive, dream-like passages in the first movement, and likewise in a viola

tune that is swingingly rhythmic and yet harmonically almost static, we hear hints of textures that become markers of Dvořák's distinctive voice. But the final movement seems to be where he pulls out all the stops. He writes a set of variations on a haunting, almost medieval-sounding theme, calmly working his way toward exposing the emotional complexity underlying these deceptively simple harmonies. It is a movement that takes one of the more academic movement formsvaried renditions of the same melodic and harmonic template that begs a conscious comparison process—and turns it into something both touching and uplifting. The 1880 reviewer for the Telegraph agreed, feeling that in this finale, "nowhere is the higher mission of music neglected, in virtue of which it appeals to an inner sense and at the same time...confers physical and intellectual gratification." ◆

-Nicky Swett

ABOUT THE ARTISTS



KRISTIN LEE

▶ Recipient of a 2015 Avery Fisher Career Grant, as well as a top prizewinner of the 2012 Walter W. Naumburg Competition and Astral Artists' 2010 National Auditions, Kristin Lee is a violinist of remarkable versatility and impeccable technique who enjoys a vibrant career as a soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, and educator. She has appeared with top orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Ural Philharmonic

of Russia, the Korean Broadcasting Symphony, and in recital on many of the world's finest stages including Carnegie Hall, David Geffen Hall, Kennedy Center, Kimmel Center, Phillips Collection, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Louvre Museum, Korea's Kumho Art Gallery, and the Ravinia Festival. An accomplished chamber musician, she has appeared with Camerata Pacifica, Music@Menlo, La Jolla Festival, Medellín Festicámara of Colombia, the El Sistema Chamber Music Festival of Venezuela, and the Sarasota Music Festival. She is the concertmaster of the Metropolis Ensemble, with which she premiered Vivian Fung's Violin Concerto, written for her, which appears on Fung's CD *Dreamscapes* (Naxos) and won the 2013 Juno Award. Born in Seoul, Lee moved to the US to study under Sonja Foster and soon after entered the Juilliard School's Pre-College. She holds a master's degree from the Juilliard School under Itzhak Perlman. An alum of CMS's Bowers Program, she is a member of the faculty of the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College and the co-founder and artistic director of Emerald City Music in Seattle.



MATTHEW LIPMAN

American violist Matthew Lipman has been praised by the New York Times for his "rich tone and elegant phrasing." He has appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Europe, Minnesota Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, Academy of St Martin in the Fields, and the Juilliard Orchestra, and has been a featured soloist at the Aspen Music Festival, Carnegie Hall, New World Symphony, Wigmore Hall, and Walt Disney Concert Hall. The Strad praised his "most impressive" 2019 Cedille Records

debut album *Ascent*, which included world premiere recordings of Shostakovich and Clarice Assad, and his recording of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* with violinist Rachel Barton Pine and Sir Neville Marriner on the Avie label topped the Billboard Classical Charts. A former artist-in-residence for the American Viola Society, he was featured on WFMT Chicago's list "30 Under 30" of the world's top classical musicians. Additionally, he has appeared on PBS, *Now Hear This*, and *Live from Lincoln Center*. An alum of CMS's Bowers Program, he performs regularly at the Marlboro, Music@Menlo, Ravinia, and Rheingau festivals. He was the recipient of an Avery Fisher Career Grant and a major prize winner in the Primrose, Tertis, Washington, Johansen, and Stulberg International Competitions, and he studied at the Juilliard School with Heidi Castleman and at the Kronberg Academy with Tabea Zimmermann. Lipman is on faculty at Stony Brook University and performs on a 1700 Matteo Goffriller viola on generous loan from the Rachel Barton Pine Foundation. He holds the Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Chair at CMS.



PAUL NEUBAUER

▶ Violist Paul Neubauer has been called a "master musician" by the New York Times. He recently made his Chicago Symphony subscription debut with conductor Riccardo Muti and his Mariinsky Orchestra debut with conductor Valery Gergiev. He also gave the US premiere of the newly discovered Impromptu for viola and piano by Shostakovich with pianist Wu Han. In addition, his recording of the Aaron Kernis Viola Concerto with the Royal Northern Sinfonia

was released on Signum Records and his recording of the complete viola/ piano music by Ernest Bloch with pianist Margo Garrett was released on Delos. Appointed principal violist of the New York Philharmonic at age 21, he has appeared as soloist with over 100 orchestras including the New York, Los Angeles, and Helsinki philharmonics; National, St. Louis, Detroit, Dallas, San Francisco, and Bournemouth symphonies; and Santa Cecilia, English Chamber, and Beethovenhalle orchestras. He has premiered viola concertos by Bartók (revised version of the Viola Concerto), Friedman, Glière, Jacob, Kernis, Lazarof, Müller-Siemens, Ott, Penderecki, Picker, Suter, and Tower and has been featured on CBS's Sunday Morning, A Prairie Home Companion, and in Strad, Strings, and People magazines. A two-time Grammy nominee, he has recorded on numerous labels including Decca, Deutsche Grammophon, RCA Red Seal, and Sony Classical and is a member of SPA, a trio with soprano Susanna Phillips and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott. Neubauer is the artistic director of the Mostly Music series in New Jersey and is on the faculty of the Juilliard School and Mannes College.



KEITH ROBINSON

▶ Cellist Keith Robinson is a founding member of the Miami String Quartet and has been active as a chamber musician, recitalist, and soloist since his graduation from the Curtis Institute of Music. He has had numerous solo appearances with orchestras including the New World Symphony, the American Sinfonietta, and the Miami Chamber Symphony and in 1989 won the P.A.C.E. "Classical Artist of the Year" Award. His most recent recording released on Blue Griffin

Records features the complete works of Mendelssohn for cello and piano with his colleague Donna Lee. In 1992 the Miami String Quartet became the first string quartet in a decade to win First Prize of the Concert Artists Guild New York Competition. The quartet has also received the prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award, won the Grand Prize at the Fischoff Chamber Music Competition, and was a member of CMS's Bowers Program. Robinson regularly attends festivals across the United States, including the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Music@ Menlo, Kent Blossom Music, Mostly Mozart, Bravo! Vail, Savannah Music Festival, and the Virginia Arts Festival. Highlights of recent seasons include international appearances in Bern, Cologne, Istanbul, Lausanne, Montreal, Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong, Taipei, and Paris. Robinson hails from a musical family and his siblings include Sharon Robinson of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, and Hal Robinson, principal bass of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He plays a cello made by Carlo Tononi in Venice in 1725.



INBAL SEGEV

▶ Known for "complete dedication and high intelligence" (San Francisco Classical Voice), Israeli-American cellist Inbal Segev combines "rich tone, secure presence, and complete technical mastery" (Jerusalem Post). She has appeared as soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, St. Louis Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, and Baltimore Symphony, collaborating with Marin Alsop, Cristian Macelaru, Stéphane Denève, Zubin Mehta, and Lorin

Maazel. She has commissioned and premiered concertos by Anna Clyne, Timo Andres, Avner Dorman, and Dan Visconti. Her recording of movement one of Clyne's Dance, When You Are Broken Open, was included in NPR's 100 Best Songs of 2020 (all categories), garnering over 5 million Spotify listens. At the start of the pandemic, she launched "20 for 2020," a commissioning, recording, and filming project. The roster of 20 cutting-edge composers includes Vijay lyer, Viet Cuong, and John Luther Adams. She co-founded the Amerigo Trio with former New York Philharmonic concertmaster Glenn Dicterow and violist Karen Dreyfus. Recent discography includes acclaimed recordings of the Elgar Cello Concerto, Romantic cello works with pianist Juho Pohjonen, and Bach's Cello Suites. Her YouTube channel features her master class series, Musings with Inbal Segev, which has thousands of subscribers around the world and nearly two million views. A native of Israel, she was invited by Isaac Stern to continue her cello studies in the US, where she earned degrees from Yale University and the Juilliard School. Her cello was made by Francesco Ruggieri in 1673.



ARNAUD SUSSMANN

▶ Winner of a 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Arnaud Sussmann has distinguished himself with his unique sound, bravura, and profound musicianship. Minnesota's *Pioneer Press* writes, "Sussmann has an old-school sound reminiscent of what you'll hear on vintage recordings by Jascha Heifetz or Fritz Kreisler, a rare combination of sweet and smooth that can hypnotize a listener." A thrilling musician capturing the attention of classical critics and audiences around the world, he has

recently appeared as a soloist with the Mariinsky Orchestra under Valery Gergiev, the Vancouver Symphony, and the New World Symphony. As a chamber musician, he has performed at the Tel Aviv Museum in Israel, London's Wigmore Hall, Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the White Nights Festival in Saint Petersburg, the Dresden Music Festival in Germany, and the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC. He has been presented in recital in Omaha on the Tuesday Musical Club series, New Orleans by the Friends of Music, and at the Louvre Museum in Paris. He has also given concerts at the OK Mozart, Moritzburg, Caramoor, Music@Menlo, La Jolla SummerFest, Mainly Mozart, Seattle Chamber Music, Chamber Music Northwest, and Moab Music festivals. He has performed with many of today's leading artists including Itzhak Perlman, Menahem Pressler, Gary Hoffman, Shmuel Ashkenasi, Wu Han, David Finckel, and Jan Vogler. An alum of CMS's Bowers Program, Sussmann is Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Co-Director of Music@Menlo's International Program, and teaches at Stony Brook University.

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