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Announcing the 2012 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival *White Nights: A musical journey through Russia*

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – The iconic music and songs of Russia will come to life at the 19th Annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. In a season titled *White Nights: A musical journey through Russia*, the 2012 Festival will present music by Russia’s greatest composers including Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich, among others. In 2012, the Festival will collaborate with local artistic groups to undertake three major productions of four complex works by Igor Stravinsky.

The 2012 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival will run June 9-24 in venues throughout metro Detroit. More than 20 concerts will be performed, two world premieres will take place, and more than 40 world-class musicians will take the stage to perform the best of Russian and other chamber music.

With the support of a \$20,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Festival will join artistic forces with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings (DCWS), and Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE), to present the four large Stravinsky pieces. Performed at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills on the Festival’s three Saturday nights, these works will include:

- **“Les Noces”** to be performed on the Festival’s opening night Saturday, June 9. The work will feature **Molly Fillmore**, soprano; **Lauren Skuce**, mezzo soprano; **Jason**

Wickson, tenor; **Daniel Gross**, baritone; four festival pianists; the Michigan State University Chorale; and eight percussionists from Michigan State University.

- **“The Rite of Spring,”** to be performed on Saturday, June 16, was perhaps Stravinsky’s most famous ballet. With new choreography by EDE’s Artistic Director **Laurie Eisenhower**, the work will be performed by **dancers from EDE**, pianists **Elisabeth and Eugene Pridonoff** and **Percussion Group Cincinnati**.
- **The Stravinsky “Mass,”** on Saturday, June 23 will close out the Festival. The piece will be performed by DCWS musicians with support from the Festival Singers. Also performed that evening will be Stravinsky’s **“Concerto for Piano and Woodwinds”** featuring pianist **Anton Nel** and musicians from Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings.

FESTIVAL ARTISTS:

The Festival will welcome Russian artists **Sofja Gülbadamova**, piano; **Olga Orlovskaya**, soprano; as well as cellist **David Geringas**. Though not of Russian descent, Geringas grew up in Moscow and was a favored student of the famed Russian cellist, Mstislav Rostropovich. Highlights from these artists will include:

- Rachmaninoff’s “Sonata for Cello and Piano” by Gülbadamova and Geringas;
- “David’s Song,” a piece composed for Geringas by Anatolijus Senderovas will be performed by Geringas with help from the Ariel Quartet;
- Rachmaninoff’s “Fantasy for Two Pianos” will feature pianists James Tocco and Gülbadamova;
- In Tchaikovsky’s “Piano Trio,” Tocco and Geringas will be joined by Festival newcomer, violinist **Itamar Zorman** who received the silver medal at the 2011 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Russia.

- In her native tongue, Ms. Orlovskaya will perform traditional Russian songs from Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky.

Returning favorite Festival artists include: Artistic Director and pianist, **James Tocco**, cellist **Paul Katz**, pianist **Anton Nel**, cellist **Andrés Díaz**, and the **Ariel Quartet**.

The following artists will perform on the 2012 Festival. All performers are subject to change:

James Tocco, Artistic Director & piano
 Anton Nel, piano
 Sofja Gulbadamova, piano
 Eugene Pridonoff, piano
 Elisabeth Pridonoff, piano
 Pei-Shan Lee, piano
 Panayis Lyriss, piano
 Deborah Moriarty, piano
 Tai Murray, violin
 Itamar Zorman, violin
 Kimberly Kaloyanides Kennedy, violin
 Yehonatan Berick, violin/viola
 Andrés Díaz, cello
 David Geringas, cello
 Paul Katz, cello

Molly Fillmore, soprano
 Olga Orlovskaya, soprano
 Lauren Skuce, soprano
 Jason Wickson, tenor
 Daniel Gross, baritone
 Joel Hoffman, Stone Composer-in-Residence
 Michael Ippolito, Stone Composer Fellow
 H. Robert Reynolds, conductor
 David Rayl, conductor
 Ariel String Quartet
 Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings
 Eisenhower Dance Ensemble
 Percussion Group Cincinnati
 Michigan State University Chorale
 Michigan State University Percussion Ensemble

STONE COMPOSERS

Joel Hoffman will serve as the 2012 Stone Composer-in-Residence. Hoffman currently serves as Professor of Composition at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. Hoffman's works have been performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Orchestra of Wales, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Quartet, and the Shanghai Quartet, among others. The 2012 Festival will include a world premiere by Hoffman and performed by the Shouse Institute ensemble, Trio Terzetto.

The 2012 Stone Composer Fellow will be Michael Ippolito. Ippolito is a graduate of the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he studied composition with Joel Hoffman.

Currently, Ippolito is a C.V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at the Juilliard School where he studies with John Corigliano. His works have been performed by the Cincinnati Symphony, Albany Symphony, and the University of Georgia Wind Ensemble, among others. The 2012 Festival will include a world premiere by Ippolito and performed by the Shouse Institute group, the Attacca Quartet.

CATHERINE FILENE SHOUSE INSTITUTE ENSEMBLES

The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute offers the finest young up-and-coming ensembles an intensive, two-week coaching and performing experience. Returning in 2012 will be the [Attacca Quartet](#), [Trio Terzetto](#), and [Sima Trio](#). New in 2012 will be the [Catalyst Quartet](#). Catalyst Quartet is comprised of top Laureates and alumni of the internationally acclaimed Sphinx Competition for young Black and Latino string players. The 2012 Shouse Institute will once again be led by cellist Paul Katz.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Tickets for the Festival will become available in spring of 2012. To learn more, please visit greatlakeschambermusic.org or call 248-559-2097.

A secular event, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is sponsored by Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo of the Hills, Temple Beth El, and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. The 2012 Festival will take place June 9 – June 24 in venues across Metro Detroit. For more information, please visit www.greatlakeschambermusic.org.

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