

Classical Crossroads, Inc.

~ Presents Internet-Streamed Concerts in its 2020–2021 Season ~

First Fridays at First! ~ fff

From First Lutheran Church & School in Torrance

FirstServe Community Services, the nonprofit community service partner of First Lutheran Church & School, graciously hosts these Friday-noontime streamed concerts as a gift to the community.

Free — Donations Welcome

Friday, September 4, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

TRIO CÉLESTE — Kevin Kwan Loucks piano, Iryna Krechkovsky violin, and Ross Gasworth cello. Hailed as “unfailingly stylish” by *The Strad*, this is the ensemble’s 11th appearance with Classical Crossroads.

Friday, October 2, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

Pianist MI-HYUN SUH — As first-place winner of Peninsula Symphony’s 2020 Knox Competition, Mi-Hyun received a scholarship of \$1,600 and an honorarium of \$1,000 from Classical Crossroads for this solo recital.

Friday, November 6, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

Pianist STEVEN VANHAUWAERT and Friends — Consummate ensemble artist as well as recitalist and concerto soloist, Steven and his friends share their love of chamber music with their virtual audience.

Friday, December 4, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

Violinist YUEUN KIM and pianist SUNG CHANG were awarded 2nd prize at *The Art of Duo* presented by the *Boulder International Chamber Music Competition* in Boulder, Colorado.

Friday, January 8, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Organist DAVID YORK — A favorite on the series, David is organist of Lutheran Church of the Master in Westwood. This recital is in honor & remembrance of organist Namhee Han.

Friday, February 5, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Acclaimed Israeli pianist and student of the great Leon Fleisher, EINAV YARDEN will stream her recital from her home in Berlin. “Sense of immense majesty, tempered by gentleness and quiet grace” ~ *The Washington Post*

Friday, March 5, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Cellist ERIC BYERS of the famed Calder Quartet has appeared in the world’s leading concert halls. “Eric Byers gave an ideally eloquent reading . . . showing that the fierce beauty is a quality of many shades.” ~ *Los Angeles Times*

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. — Part I

Cellist EMILIO COLÓN, from the acclaimed Jacobs School of Music faculty at Indiana University, joins renowned L.A.-based pianist STEVEN VANHAUWAERT in the first of a two-part streamed recital. See Part II on Sunday, April 11 below.

Friday, May 7, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. — Part I

Members of the internationally acclaimed, Portugal-based DSCH — SHOSTAKOVICH ENSEMBLE will stream their concert from Portugal. See Part II on Sunday, May 9 below.

Friday, June 4, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

The winner of Peninsula Symphony’s 2021 Knox Concerto Competition is presented in recital.

Second Sundays at Two

From Rolling Hills United Methodist Church in Rolling Hills Estates

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church graciously hosts these Sunday-afternoon streamed concerts as a gift to the community.

Free — Donations Welcome

Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Acclaimed Canadian Pianists from the USC Thornton School Faculty BERNADENE BLAHA and KEVIN FITZ-GERALD are internationally recognized as gifted recitalists, concerto soloists, and chamber musicians, appearing in leading concert series on world-renowned stages.

Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Internationally renowned Italian pianist FABIO BIDINI joins LACO Principal Cellist ANDREW SHULMAN in two Beethoven cello sonatas. Fabio Bidini is the Piano Chair at the prestigious Colburn Conservatory.

Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Pianist MARK ROBSON “one of the great techniques,” “an inquiring mind,” and a performer capable of evoking an “exquisite engulfing pastel haze” ~ *Los Angeles Times*

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

TRIO CÉLESTE — Kevin Kwan Loucks piano, Iryna Krechkovsky violin, and Ross Gasworth cello. Hailed as “unfailingly stylish” by *The Strad*, this is the ensemble’s 12th appearance with Classical Crossroads.

Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Stars of Tomorrow from the

USC Thornton
School of Music

Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Pianist ROBERT THIES and Friends “A pianist of unerring warm-toned refinement, revealing judicious glimmers of power” ~ *Los Angeles Times*
A favorite on the series, this is Robert’s sixteenth appearance.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. — Part II

Cellist EMILIO COLÓN, from the acclaimed Jacobs School of Music faculty at Indiana University, joins favorite L.A.-based pianist STEVEN VANHAUWAERT in the second of a two-part streamed recital. See Part I on Friday, April 9 above.

Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. — Part II

Members of the internationally acclaimed, Portugal-based DSCH — SHOSTAKOVICH ENSEMBLE — Musicians of excellence compelled by the pursuit of chamber music at the highest artistic level. See Part I on Friday, May 7 above.

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Pianist STEVEN VANHAUWAERT in a solo recital.

“impressive clarity, sense of structure and monster technique” ~ *Los Angeles Times*

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*T*HE MISSION OF CLASSICAL CROSSROADS, Inc. is to present free or affordable classical music concerts of the highest possible artistic quality. The concerts provide a meeting place where diverse members of the community can gather to appreciate the gift of inspired performance of great music and in so doing advance their knowledge of classical music. In addition, Classical Crossroads furthers its classical music educational mission by:

- Providing well-paid performance and educational opportunities to talented professional and student artists who have devoted their lives to the art of classical music,
- Pursuing outreach opportunities to present concerts to members of the community who may have little access to live classical music.

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Classical Crossroads' 2020-2021 Concert Series

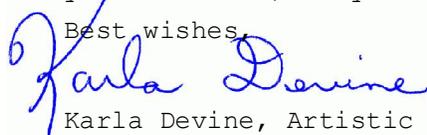
Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well and in good spirits. We've planned a stellar season with amazing artists. With the pandemic an ongoing danger, the well-being of our audience and artists is paramount. Therefore, all the concerts in the upcoming season will be freshly videotaped and safely delivered to your home via YouTube "Premieres" at the scheduled concert times. We are striving for the highest possible video and audio quality with a simple, audience-member's-view (but with the best seat in the house!) that won't distract from the artistry of the performances. Take time to watch in virtual community of other classical music lovers in their homes, ideally on a large-screen TV with a quality soundbar, or with headphones and an iPad or other quality computer screen. You'll find links to the streamed concerts on the website at www.PalosVerdes.com/ClassicalCrossroads/.

I have more late-breaking news: Classical Crossroads is thrilled to welcome the "Second Sundays at Two" series at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church – with Steven Vanhauwaert as Artistic Director – under our nonprofit umbrella. Its concerts will also be videotaped and streamed to you. "Second Sundays at Two" will replace "The Interludes" concerts, as the plans to videotape those proved infeasible with COVID-19 travel restrictions and the nation-wide and international make-up of the Beverly Hills National Audition winners. In future seasons, however, Classical Crossroads will continue to invite select artists and ensembles from the Beverly Hills National Auditions for its "First Fridays at First! ~ *fff*" and "Second Sundays at Two" series.

A primary mission of Classical Crossroads is to preserve the classical music art form in the South Bay and support performing artists, who have suffered devastating loss of their livelihood and avenue for artistic expression. **We need your contributions more than ever as we step up to pay the artists their full live-audience honoraria.** There will be no concert baskets to supplement season contributions. Please give generously to support the artists. A remittance envelope is enclosed for your donation, or you can donate online.

Best wishes,



Karla Devine, Artistic Director
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