

VCC Valley Classical Concerts

Bringing a World of Chamber Music to the Pioneer Valley

JUNE 2024

The 2024-25 Season and Annual Appeal

John Montanari, Artistic Director

Valley Classical Concerts is thrilled to have concluded another successful season of six concerts, all performed by internationally known artists and ensembles. We are anticipating that the 2024-2025 program will be even more exciting. More good news: we are back in Sweeney Concert Hall for all six concerts!

The 2024-2025 season kicks off on **Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m.** with the Israeli Chamber Project. Pianist Assaff Weisman, violinist Carmit Zori, and cellist Raman Ramakrishnan will be on stage to perform Duos for Violin and Cello by composer/conductor/clarinetist Jörg Widmann and Robert Schumann's Violin Sonata in D Minor, Op. 121, followed by the sumptuously beautiful Piano Trio in A Minor by Maurice Ravel.

Then on **Saturday November 2, 7:30 p.m.** the Ciompi String Quartet and pianist Ieva Jokūbavičiūtė will return to our series to perform Mieczysław Weinberg's Piano Quintet of 1944, a work of tremendous range and depth, sure to be a welcome discovery. Works by Mozart, African American master William Grant Still, and Elizabethan composer John Dowland will also be on the program.

Saturday, December 14th, 7:30 p.m., Violinist Itamar Zorman returns to VCC as part of the award-winning Lysander Trio, with Liza Stepanova, piano, and Michael Katz, cello. The program will include Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio, to be followed by the warmly expressive Piano Trio of British composer Rebecca Clark and one of the great Romantic trios, Robert Schumann's Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 63.



Israeli Chamber Project - Ramakrishnan, Zori and Weisman



Ciompi String Quartet and pianist Ieva Jokūbavičiūtė



Lysander Trio

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2024-25 Season *(continued)*

Jiayan Sun, our remarkable Smith faculty pianist (and a great friend to Valley Classical Concerts) will join the Boston-based and world famous Lydian String Quartet, **Sunday, February 9th at 3 p.m.**, for a performance of one of the greatest Romantic chamber works, César Franck's Piano Quintet in F minor. Also on the program will be Haydn's "Bird" Quartet and Kurt Rohde's "seeking all that's still unsung," composed for the Lydian.



Lydian String Quarter and Jiayan Sun

And what could be better than the return of the Espresso! Piano Quartet with violinist Jaime Laredo and cellist Sharon Robinson. Together with violist Milena Pájaro-van de Stadt and pianist Anna Polonsky, they'll be back on our stage on **Sunday, March 9th at 3 p.m.** They will perform piano quartets by Mozart (No. 1 in G Minor, K. 478), Brahms (No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 60) and Dvořák (No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 87).



Espresso! Piano Quartet

Each season, VCC strives to introduce our patrons to a young string quartet that exemplifies the very best the current generation has to offer. So, on **Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m.** the Ulysses String Quartet will perform Haydn's "Emperor" Quartet, the Quartet No. 3, "Cetera Desunt" by Lera Auerbach (a major voice in contemporary music), and to close out our season, the warmly melodic Quartet in A-flat Major, Op. 105, by Antonín Dvořák.

One hour prior to each concert, we'll have "Concert Conversations" featuring the artists fielding questions from Artistic Director John Montanari and from you, our audience. We'll have lots of fun – so please join us!



Ulysses String Quartet

Our seasons of classical chamber music could not happen without the support of our patrons.

Like most nonprofits, we depend heavily on donations. Ticket sales make up only half of our revenue. In order to continue to fulfill our mission of presenting internationally known ensembles, we face the challenge of paying musicians' ever-increasing fees.

So, as we look forward to the 2024-25 season, please consider giving generously to help cover the costs. Please use the remittance slip below to pay by check or credit card, or go to valleyclassicalconcerts.org to donate electronically. We thank you for helping us share the joys of chamber music. The Tax ID # below can be used to donate through a charitable fund or foundation.

Ticketing Available Online

Online ticketing for individual tickets and subscriptions will be available starting August 15 through the VCC website at www.valleyclassicalconcerts.org/tickets.

In August you will receive our ticket brochure with complete concert details and a ticket order form.

Previous subscribers may retain their customary seats at any time by emailing info@valleyclassicalconcerts.org or by leaving a message at 413-586-0458 before September 15, at which time their seats will be released to the general public.

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