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Presents

Silvije Vidovic – piano

Benjamin Warsaw – piano

Friday, April 3, 2015 at 7:30pm

Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall

10910 SW 17th ST, Miami, FL 33199



PROGRAM

Preludes (selection).....	Benjamin Warsaw (b. 1980)
Prélude, Choral et Fugue, Op. 21.....	César Franck (1822-1890)
Twelve Études Op.25.....	Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
Three Moments musicaux, Op.16 (Nos. 1, 3, 4).....	Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

ABOUT SILVIJE VIDOVIC

While having played hundreds of concerts throughout Europe and the U.S., **Silvije Vidovic** continues to excel through his genuine artistry and profound performances. Mr. Vidovic's extraordinary musical talents come by no surprise as he was born into a family of musicians, and by the age of eight was giving local performances in his hometown of Karlovac, Croatia. His dedication to music won national recognition through top prizes for piano and accordion at the competitions of former Yugoslavia.

Amid Croatian civil war and political turmoil in the 1990's, Silvije continued his travels from Karlovac to the Musical Academy in Zagreb, where he obtained the highest rankings for his performances, and in 2001 received his master's degree under the tutelage of Professor Hari Gusek. During this period, Mr. Vidovic made countless performances alongside his brother and sister, Viktor and Ana, both famous classical guitarists. In 2003, Silvije received a full scholarship to study in the United States with Kemal Gekic. His potentials as an emerging young artist was immediately recognized when he won the first prize at Florida International University's Concerto Competition in 2004, which followed with a series of concerts organized by the Guild for International Piano Competition. Mr. Vidovic continued his musical development at Boston University studying with Dr. Jonathan Bass. While there, he was employed as a teacher assistant, and in 2008 was the winner of the Richmond Piano Competition. In August 2012 Silvije completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at the University of North Texas, where he studied with the renowned Russian pianist and pedagogue Vladimir Viardo.

Silvije's audio recordings have been released by Croatia Records, Art-Net Club, and Akadem Records. Furthermore, Mr. Vidovic has been featured in four documentary films produced by the Croatian National TV, which chronicle the lives and artistic careers of the three Vidovic siblings. Since 2011 Mr. Vidovic has been sponsored by the Concert Music Tour organization, which resulted with his performance in Vienna's Musikverein Golden Hall. In 2013 Mr. Vidovic co-founded Karlovac Piano Festival, an inclusive music production which promotes artistic achievements in his birthplace Karlovac.

Recently, Silvije has been active as a lecturer professor at the Florida International University, Lynn University, and University of Miami.

ABOUT BENJAMIN WARSAW

Young American pianist, **Benjamin Warsaw** actively pursues a career as classical pianist, teacher, accompanist, and composer, and has performed numerous solo and ensemble concerts throughout North America. Dr. Warsaw participated in Testaments of the Heart, which received enthusiastic reviews from ABC News, Canadian Press, Fox News, and Minneapolis StarTribune. In May 2007, Dr. Warsaw gave his New York City debut at Victor Borge Hall, located in the Scandinavia House. Recent concert highlights include: Schwartz Center, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Yamaha Hall and Haydn Birthplace, Vienna, Austria; O'Shaughnessy Theatre, Minneapolis, MN; and JFK Birthplace, Boston, MA. During the summer of 2013, Dr. Warsaw had the great honor of performing for President Jimmy Carter.

Dr. Warsaw has studied and performed solo and chamber music and original compositions in many summer festivals and masterclasses including: Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Wiener Masterclasses, Banff Center Piano Master Classes, Chautauqua Institute for the Arts, Brandywine International Piano Festival, the International Keyboard Festival at Mannes. In July 2011, his original compositions were broadcasted on National Public Radio in Blue Lake, MI.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Warsaw received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY, where he studied with Ms. Rebecca Penneys. In May 2011 Dr. Warsaw completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at Boston University under the tutelage of the late, Anthony di Bonaventura. He is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, Music Teachers National Association, and President-elect of the Savannah Music Teachers Association. As a collaborator and composer, Dr. Warsaw has worked with several notable dance organizations, including, Alvin Ailey Dance Company, Boston Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, and is currently the resident composer for Zoetic Dance Ensemble. Along with his brother, Chef Ari Warsaw, the two brothers form the unique duo, Musical Cuisine, a business which offers hours of private home concerts, catered by master Chef Ari.

Throughout his graduate degrees, Dr. Warsaw taught various classes, including piano lessons to other college and graduate students. In the fall of 2011, upon completion of his doctorate, Dr. Warsaw returned to his hometown to further education in the South and taught at Georgia Perimeter College. Most recently, Dr. Warsaw accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Music at Armstrong State University, Savannah, GA, where he is chair of piano studies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Keyboard Arts Series: Svetozar Ivanov presents "A Tribute to Scriabin"
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Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 4:00pm, \$ 5-10
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