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Horizons Concert Series announces spring offerings

(Flagstaff, AZ—Jan. 25, 2012) Celebrating its fifth year, the School of Music's Horizons Concert Series is pleased to present another fabulous season of world-class music. Five concerts will be offered in the spring, ranging from classical to contemporary to klezmer; West Coast to North Coast to East Coast; and Beethoven to Cage to Prokofiev.

The first concert of the series will feature Elena Urioste, violin and Michael Brown, piano on Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. in Ashurst Hall.

"These two artists are rising stars on the American musical scene," said Todd Sullivan, director of the School of Music.

Urioste, who is of Mexican/Basque heritage, gained national attention as first-place laureate in both the junior and senior divisions of the Sphinx Competition. This competition is a major initiative of the Sphinx Organization, whose mission is to increase the participation of Blacks and Latinos in music schools, as professional musicians, and as classical music audiences; to administer youth development initiatives in underserved communities through music education; and to promote the creation, performance, and preservation of works by Black and Latino composers. Urioste has since won first-place in the Sion International Violin Competition.

Brown holds dual distinction as a pianist and composer. At the keyboard, Brown was First Prize Winner of the 2010 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition. The following year, he received the 2011 Lili Boulanger Memorial Fund Award, named after the famed French pedagogue whose American students included Elliott Carter, Aaron Copland, and Ned Rorem.

Individual tickets for the Horizons Concert Series are \$20 for adults, \$12.50 for seniors, NAU faculty and staff, free for NAU students with an ID and children. For tickets to all events, contact the NAU Central Ticket Office at nau.edu/cto or 928-523-5661. For more information on the season, please visit nau.edu/music/horizons.

Free parking for Ashurst Hall events is available in Lot P3 (behind Gammage Bldg) on weekdays after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends.



Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Elena Urioste, violin & Michael Brown, piano

7:30 pm, Ashurst Hall

Award-winning violinist Elena Urioste (first-prize winner of the Sion International Violin Competition; first-place laureate in the Junior and Senior divisions of the Sphinx Competition) joins pianist-composer Michael Brown in a rare Arizona performance.

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Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Metropolitan Klezmer

7:30 pm, Ashurst Hall

Metropolitan Klezmer brings eclectic exuberance to Yiddish musical genres from all over the map. Performing vibrant versions of lesser-known gems from wedding dance, trance, folk, swing, and tango styles, as well as soundtrack material from vintage Yiddish films, they re-invent tradition with both irreverence and respect.

Co-sponsored by the NAU College of Arts and Letters and NAU Center for International Education.

Monday, February 27, 2012

Andreas Klein, piano

7:30 pm, Ashurst Hall

"Romantic Contrasts"—Beethoven, Schumann, and Schubert

Co-sponsored by the NAU College of Arts and Letters.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Third Coast Percussion

7:30 pm, Ashurst Hall

"American Masters at 100"

Music by John Cage (celebrating what would be his 100th birthday in 2012) and a piece David Skidmore (commemorating the 100th anniversary of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece, Taliesin.)

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Monday, April 23

California E.A.R Unit

7:30 pm, Ashurst Hall

The West Coast's premier contemporary music ensemble.

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