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2015-2016 Guest Artist Highlights

Please note the new starting time this year for most concerts is now 7:30 p.m.; and the Chamichian Concert is on a non-traditional day, Monday, to accommodate our guest artists.

Tuesday, September 15 @ 7:30 p.m. Regarded as one of the world’s finest concert organists, Todd Wilson opens this year’s guest artist series at CMU. His concert engagements have taken him to the great halls of Europe, Japan, and North America, and he’s performed with major orchestras such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra. Joining Mr. Wilson for this concert will be CMU trumpet faculty member Neil Mueller. SFCH*

Monday, October 12, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. This year’s Chamichian Endowment Concert features violinist Robert Chen & cellist John Sharp, concertmaster and principal cello respectively of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his distinguished leadership of the CSO, Mr. Chen makes music with artists such as Daniel Barenboim, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, Yo-Yo Ma, Lang Lang, Emanuel Ax, and Lynn Harrell. Mr. Sharp was appointed the CSO’s principal cellist in 1986 at the age of 27, making him among the youngest players ever to hold a principal chair with the orchestra. His chamber music performance highlights include concerts at the Marlboro Music Festival and with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Please note this year’s Chamichian Concert is on a Monday evening. SFCH*

Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. A versatile, daring, and insightful artist, the young Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Martinez is acclaimed on national and international stages for her lyricism and compelling interpretations. First Prize winner of the Anton G. Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Dresden, Ms. Martinez’s recital career already includes performances in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and Alice Tully Hall; Salzburg’s Grosses Festspielhaus; Dresden’s Semperoper; Copenhagen’s Tivoli Gardens; and Paris’s Palace of Versailles. SFCH*
Thursday, February 18, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. This season’s Staples Endowment Concert artists are members of the most distinguished chamber music organization in America, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Join us as Gilles Vonsattel, piano, Arnaud Sussmann, violin, Paul Neubaurer, viola, and Paul Watkins, cello, present the Beethoven Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 16; Dohnányi’s Serenade in C Major, Op. 10; and Dvořák’s magisterial Piano Quartet No. 2. SFCH*

Complete concert information, including Faculty Recitals and Student Ensemble Concerts are available on the school of music website. Look under “Quick Links” and click on “2015-16 Concert Brochure”

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