

Valois Concert Series
Valois United Church
70 Belmont, Pointe-Claire, QC
Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 2 PM

Program

Duos for two violins by C. A. de Beriot (1802-1870)
Passacaglia for two violins by Handel/Halvorsen (1864-1935)
-intermission-
Tzigane by M. Ravel (1875-1937)
Havanaise by C. Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
Zigeunerweisen by P. de Sarasate (1844-1908)

Ruben Kosemyan, violin

Virtuoso violinist Ruben Kosemyan is the gold medalist of UNESCO in 2007, a laureate of Aram Khachaturian International Violin competition in 2003, as well as a winner of all Armenian national violin competitions. Mr. Kosemyan appears as a soloist with Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Camerata De Coahuila of Mexico, Sinfonia Toronto, Armenian Simphonic, Serenade Chamber Orchestra, National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia, and Armenian State Philharmonic Orchestra, to name a few. He has collaborated with conductors including Robert Cole (USA), Nurhan Arman, Gordon Slater, Kristian Alexander (Canada), Luck Bagdasaryan (Italy), Emin Khachaturian, Tigran Waxman (Russia), Ruben Asatryan, Merughan Simonyan (Armenia), Eduard Topchyan (Germany), and Ramon Shade (Mexico/Columbia). He has worked as professor of violin and chamber music at the Yerevan State Conservatory of Armenia since 1998, and in 2000 he was selected as head of the Department of Classical Music at the House of Music and Culture, Kish Island. Mr. Kosemyan began studying violin at age four under the guidance of his father Alexander Kosemyan, violist of the State Komitas quartet. He has completed diplomas at Moscow State Conservatory with Prof. Maya Glezarova, as well as at Yerevan State Conservatory with Prof. Eduard Tatevosyan, first violinist of Komitas State Quartet. In 2014-2015 season, Mr. Kosemyan has performed Bruch Violin Concerto No.1 & Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen with Diverismento Orchestra in Ottawa, ON; Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2 with KSO in Toronto, ON; Brahms Violin Concerto with AYSO in Armenia, and will be performing Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with Pengnang Symphony Orchestra in Malaysia this coming summer. Ruben Kosemyan currently resides in Montreal, Canada.

Judy Hung, violin/piano

Violinist and pianist Dr. Judy Hung is one of very few musicians who play both instruments equally well at a professional level; she leads a versatile musical career as pianist, violinist, violist, music director and professor of music. She is the winner of the Taiwan Violin Competition, Kaohsiung Violin Competition, Syracuse University Piano Concerto Competition and Sewanee Festival Chamber Music Competition. She is the music director and organist at Valois United Church. She is a violist with Orchestre de Chambre de Montréal, and has performed regularly as baroque violinist and violist with Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal, Les Idées heureuses, and Ensemble Caprice. She teaches at McGill Conservatory of Music, Lindsay Place High School, as well as at her studios in Pointe-Claire and Vaudreuil-Dorion. She has given masterclasses and lecture recitals at Dong-Hua University, Wu-Ling High School, Syracuse University, LSU and over 20 middle and high schools in Taiwan. She has performed solo and chamber music in various festivals and concerts in Asia, North America and Europe, including Chautauqua Music Festival, Round Top Festival, Early Music Vancouver, Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute, Heber Spring Chamber Music Festival, and Moscow Conservatory Summer Festival. She has worked as orchestral violinist with Kaohsiung City Symphony, Baton Rouge Symphony, Rapides Symphony, Binghamton Symphony, and has worked as the principal pianist with Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and LSU Wind Ensemble. Judy Hung holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Violin Performance with Orchestral Conducting minor from Louisiana State University, where she studied with Kevork Mardirossian (violin), Jerzy Kosmala (viola) and Michael Gurt (piano) on a full scholarship. She has also completed Master's degrees in Violin, Piano and Early Music Performance respectively from San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Syracuse University and McGill University.