# ZLATOMIR FUNG WITH DINA VAINSHTEIN

Cello, piano

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 | 7:30 P.M. CASPARY AUDITORIUM

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# **PROGRAM**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major, BWV 1012

Prelude

Allemande

Courante

Sarabande

Gavotte I

Gigue

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Sonata for Cello and Piano in D Minor, L. 135 Prologue: Lent, sostenuto e molto risoluto Sérénade: Modérément animé Finale: Animé, léger et nerveux

INTERMISSION (15 minutes)

Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

Walther's Prize Song from Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

Rodion Shchedrin (b. 1932) Quadrille from *Not Love Alone* 

Marshall Estrin (b. 1996)

Fantasia Carmen for Cello and Piano

Program and personnel subject to change. As a courtesy to the artists, please remain seated until they have left the hall. Zlatomir Fung and Dina Vainshtein appear by arrangement with Kirshbaum Associates, Inc.

# **FEATURING**

# **Zlatomir Fung**

Cello

At 25-years-old, **Zlatomir Fung** is an acclaimed American cellist, known for being the youngest musician in four decades to win First Prize at the International Tchaikovsky Competition Cello Division. He has performed with leading orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, and BBC Philharmonic, and has appeared at prestigious festivals like Aspen, Verbier, and Ravinia. His performances often showcase his classical and contemporary repertoire, collaborating with composers such as Unsuk Chin and Anna Clyne.

A winner of the 2017 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and the 2017 Astral National Auditions, Mr. Fung has taken the top prizes at the 2018 Alice & Eleonore Schoenfeld International String Competition, the 2016 George Enescu International Cello Competition, and the 2015 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players, among others.

A recipient of the Avery Fisher Career Grant and a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship, Mr. Fung is now on the faculty at The Juilliard School, his alma mater. As a participant in WXQR's Artist Propulsion Lab in 2023, he wrote *The Elves and the Cello Maker*, a radio play in which he also performed. He performs on a circa 1730 cello by Domenico Montagnana, on loan from a generous benefactor.

#### Dina Vainshtein

Piano

Pianist Dina Vainshtein is celebrated for her dynamic collaborations with some of the most talented musicians of our time. Based in Boston, Ms. Vainshtein was born into a family of pianists and honed her craft under Boris Berlin and Arthur Aksenov at the Gnessin Russian Academy of Music in Moscow. Her skills were recognized early on, earning her the Special Prize for the Best Collaborative Pianist at the 1998 International Tchaikovsky Competition.

Her journey to the United States in 2000 to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music marked the beginning of a flourishing career. She quickly became a sought-after performer at venues such as Alice Tully Hall and Weill Recital Hall in New York City, and festivals like Caramoor, Music at Menlo, Ravinia, and the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara. Her performances have also taken her on tours across Japan, China, Europe, and Russia.

Ms. Vainshtein teaches chamber music at the New England Conservatory and the Walnut Hill School and has collaborated with Benjamin Zander on his interpretation classes.

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The university's laboratory-based structure encourages collaborations between disciplines and empowers faculty members to take on high-risk, high-reward projects. No formal departments exist, bureaucracy is kept to a minimum, and scientists are given resources, support, and unparalleled freedom to follow the science wherever it leads.

#### The Rockefeller University Community

- 72 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 220 postdoctoral investigators
- 255 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,469 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

#### **Acclaimed Scientists**

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize; 26 have received a Lasker Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

#### At Present, the Faculty at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 7 recipients of Lasker Awards
- 34 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
- 3 recipients of the National Medal of Science

#### Some Clinical Concerns under Study

- Aging
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Arthritis
- Autoimmune disorders
- Autism
- Cancer
- Covid-19
- Diabetes

- Heart disease and stroke
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- Obesity, nutrition, and weight loss
- Parkinson's disease
- Skin diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Vaccine development
- Vision and hearing disorders

#### The Rockefeller University Hospital

Established in 1910, The Rockefeller University Hospital was the first hospital in the nation dedicated exclusively to patient-oriented investigations. Patients at the hospital are participants in clinical studies that build on basic research findings from Rockefeller laboratories. This allows the university to maintain an unbroken spectrum of research, from basic to clinical.

#### **Groundbreaking Accomplishments**

Among the pioneering discoveries at Rockefeller are many seminal advances that have transformed science and reduced human suffering. Scientists at Rockefeller:

- Discovered that DNA is the chemical of heredity
- Developed vaccines against meningitis and pneumococcal pneumonia
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
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- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
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- Developed the combination drug therapy for treatment of AIDS
- Showed that an adult brain of a higher species can form new nerve cells
- Discovered an obesity gene and the weight-regulating hormone leptin
- Discovered the dendritic cell, a key regulator of the immune system
  Identified the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C

#### An Exceptional Place to Learn

Rockefeller's Ph.D. program offers training in the biomedical and physical sciences. With neighboring Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, the university also offers one of the nation's top M.D.-Ph.D. programs. In addition, Rockefeller provides intensive postgraduate training. At any one time, more than 200 postdoctoral investigators conduct research in university laboratories. Rockefeller's acclaimed Clinical Scholars Program, a three-year master's degree program, provides a unique opportunity for recent M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. recipients to begin careers in patient-oriented research. Working with senior faculty members, clinical scholars develop and implement translational research studies at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

#### Infrastructure that Fosters Collaboration and Interaction

Rockefeller invented the modern bioscience institute, and has spent the past 123 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of laboratory space, where investigators employ the latest technology to answer the most challenging questions in their fields. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation—David Rockefeller River Campus, which opened in 2019 and features the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, provides a state-of-the-art laboratory space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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