Black Mountain Trio: Beethoven for Three

Kevin Lawrence, violin Brooks Whitehouse, cello Dmitri Vorobiev, piano

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Trio in D Major, Op. 79, No. 1 ("Ghost") (1808)......Ludwig van Beethoven Allegro vivace a con brio (1770 - 1827) Largo assai ed espressivo Presto

INTERMISSION

Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 97 ("Archduke") (1811)Ludwig van Beethoven Allegro moderato Scherzo: Allegro Andante cantabile, ma pero con moto Allegro moderato

BIOGRAPHIES

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TRIO is named to honor the vision of Black Mountain College, a vibrant artistic and educational institution that enriched the cultural history of North Carolina during the middle of the 20th century. Each member of the trio has dedicated a significant part of his career to the musical life of North Carolina. The trio has performed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont and Ohio, as well as Beijing and Shenzhen, China.

KEVIN LAWRENCE has consistently elicited superlative responses for his performances in major musical centers of the United States and Europe. He has appeared in recital at the National Gallery of Art in Washington; Merkin Hall and Lincoln Center in New York; in Chicago, Houston, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Rome, Prague, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Lawrence has premiered works by contemporary American compositional voices Laura Kaminsky, Judith Shatin, Lawrence Dillon, Michael Rothkopf and Evan Chambers. His recordings of American sonatas and chamber music on the New World and Bridge labels won significant critical recognition and were named as Critics Choice by American Record Guide.

Lawrence studied with Ivan Galamian and Felix Galimir at the Juilliard School and with Josef Gingold at the Meadowmount School in Westport, New York. In 1980, Galamian appointed Lawrence to the Meadowmount faculty, where he went on to teach for 14 years. Afterward, he became dean and then artistic director of the Killington Music Festival in Vermont. He is the founder and director of Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival, which will hold its seventeenth season on the campus of University of Vermont next summer. Lawrence has given master classes throughout the United States and in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Canada, Israel, Venezuela, Costa Rica, China, Thailand and Korea. Since 1990, he has served as a faculty member of UNC School of the Arts, where he was awarded an Excellence in Teaching Award in 2007.

UNCSA cello professor **BROOKS WHITEHOUSE** has performed and taught throughout the United States and abroad. As a member of the Guild Trio, Whitehouse won USIA Artistic Ambassador and Chamber Music Yellow Springs competitions, and he has toured extensively in the United States, Europe, Canada and Australia. He is the co-creator with Paul Sharpe of the popular cello/bass duo Low & Lower, and he has appeared as guest artist with the American Chamber Players, Villa Musica (Germany), the Ciompi Quartet, The Apple Hill Chamber Players and the New Zealand String Quartet. Recently, he performed in Carnegie Hall with the Garth Newell Piano Quartet as part of their fortieth anniversary celebration.

DMITRI VOROBIEV first gained international attention after winning the Casagrande International Piano Competition in Italy in 1994. He has been a major prize-winner in the Busoni, Cincinnati World, Ibla Grand Prize, A.M.A. Calabria, Iowa and Alabama international piano competitions. In 2000, he placed first and also took three special prizes at the UNISA International Piano Competition in Pretoria, South Africa, and in 2003, he won first prize in the New Orleans International Piano Competition. He appeared as a soloist with Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, Pretoria Chamber Orchestra, Durban Symphony, Terni Philharmonic, Manhattan School of Music Symphony, Winston-Salem Symphony and Western Piedmont Symphony. His solo recitals have taken him throughout the United States, Israel, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Ireland and South Africa. One of his current projects is performing the complete solo piano works by Beethoven. Vorobiev's most recent production in progress is a double CD set with lesser known works by Beethoven. He is also an active chamber music player. Some of the highlights include recordings of complete sonatas for violin and piano and complete piano trios for the Naxos label.

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Saturday, October 3, 2020 • 7:30 p.m. Livestream from Watson Chamber Music Hall

Faculty pianist Dmitri Vorobiev continues the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth in a recital featuring "Eroica" Variations, Op. 35 and Bagatelles, Op. 33, as well as other variations, rondos and bagatelles, revealing a side of Beethoven that is not often seen or heard. Complete program information to be announced.

UNCSA Ensembles: Student Woodwinds and Brass

Friday, October 9, 2020 • 7:30 p.m. Livestream from the Stevens Center for the Performing Arts

Mark A. Norman conducts the UNCSA Chamber Winds performing selections from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," Alfred Reed's Double Wind Quintet and Richard Wagner's "Funeral March from Götterdämmerung."

Karen Ní Bhroin Makes UNCSA Debut

Saturday, October 10, 2020 • 7:30 p.m. Livestream from the Stevens Center for the Performing Arts

New Associate Conductor Karen Ní Bhroin makes her UNCSA debut conducting UNCSA student ensembles including the Brandenburg Ensemble, Amadeus Players and Bartók Ensemble performing the music of George Walker, Belá Bartók, Edvard Grieg and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Additional direction for the concert will be provided by faculty-artists Ida Bieler and Brooks Whitehouse.

One of Ireland's leading young conductors, Ní Bhroin is also assistant conductor of the Winston-Salem Symphony and director of the symphony's youth orchestras program. Her professional conducting experience includes Akron (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra, Rochester (New York) Symphony Orchestra and the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra and RTÉ Concert Orchestra in Ireland.

