



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary

“The Power of Intimacy”

The 2017-2018 Season

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*CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF FORT WORTH
30TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON*

No Translation Necessary

It is finally a reality: The Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth will launch the 30th Anniversary season on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. The concert will be preceded by the ever-popular Pre- Concert Conversation with Laurie Shulman and Gary Levinson beginning at 1:15 pm.

Artistic Director, Gary Levinson, has brought together an incredible group of chamber musicians and repertoire for this opening concert. Levinson explains that for this concert “we have unusual groupings such as the Prokofiev 2 violin sonatas and a Schubert string trio, but their sonority and structure make it very familiar and appealing to the ear.” Thus, the title of this concert, “No Translation Necessary” suggests that the combination of artists and repertoire speaks for itself.

About the Artists

Francesca de Pasquale, violin, has been described by critics a “scintillating” and celebrated for her “rich, expressive playing.” (*Musical America*) Ms. de Pasquale made her debut as soloist at the age of 9, touring Spain with the Main Line Chamber Orchestra. In addition to winning many prestigious awards, she is an avid chamber musician, recording artist, and pedagogue.

Gary Levinson, violin is beginning his 4th season as Artistic Director for CMSFW. During his tenure, Levinson has been responsible for establishing CMSFW as a leading classical music presenter in Fort Worth and around the world. In addition, Levinson serves as Senior Principal Concert Master for the Dallas Symphony. During the summer season he is a participant/teacher at various music festivals including the Strings Festival in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and the Miami String Institute in Miami, Florida.

Richard Young, viola is a familiar face to CMSFW audiences having first performed here with the Vermeer Quartet of which he was a member from 1985 until the quartet retired. As a recording artist he has received three Grammy nominations and was the producer of the Vermeer Quartet’s CD of

Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ* which has been broadcast to over 60 million people throughout the world. He was invited to be an Ensemble Member of CMSFW in 2015.

Biong Tsang, cello has been internationally recognized as one of the outstanding instrumentalists of his generation with laureate's from The Avery Fisher Career Grant, the International Tchaikovsky Competition as well as a Grammy nomination. He has a distinguished career as a chamber musician having collaborated with such artists as Jaime Laredo, Michael Tree, and Yo-Yo Ma as well as a participant in multiple chamber music festivals including the Laurel Festival of the Arts where he served as Artistic Director. He currently resides in Austin, Texas, where he is the first holder of the Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long Chair in Cello at the UT Butler School of Music. This will be Mr. Tsang's second appearance on the CMSFW concert series.

Pavel Nersessian, piano is described as one of the most remarkable pianists of his generation in Russia having won prizes in the Beethoven Competition in Vienna, Paloma O'Shea Competition in Santander, and the Tokyo Competition. Upon his graduation from the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatoire, he was invited to teach there where he continues as a professor. In 2013 he became a professor of piano at Boston University.

Works to be performed:

Prokofiev	Sonata for Two Violins in C Major, Op. 56
Prokofiev	Violin Sonata No. 1 in F Minor Op. 80
Schubert	String Trio in B flat Major, D 471
Shostakovich	Piano Quintet in G Minor, Op. 57

Parking at the Museum

Because of construction, parking at the Modern Art Museum is limited. It is recommended you arrive early, and enjoy lunch in the museum café. Your ticket will ensure you receive a 10% discount for your lunch. Valet parking is also available for your convenience.

Ticket Purchase

Season tickets and single tickets are available by calling 817-877-3003, online at www.chambermusicFW.org, and at the door. Season tickets are 7 concerts for the price of 6 and are \$210 for adults, \$180 for seniors. Single tickets are \$7-\$35. **Special family rates are also available on request.** For more information about this concert and the 2016-17 season, please visit the website at www.chambermusicFW.org.

For photos of the artists, please contact Elizabeth Semrad; easemrad@att.net. Thank you