FACULTY CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL

JON KIMURA PARKER, piano
HELEN NIGHTENGALE, violin (guest)
ALOYSIA FRIEDMANN, viola (guest)
LYNN HARRELL, cello

Thursday, March 3, 2005 8:00 p.m. Lillian H. Duncan Recital Hall

RICE UNIVERSITY



PROGRAM

Quartet for Piano and Strings in E-flat Major, KV 493 (1786) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

I. Allegro

II. Larghetto

III. Allegretto

INTERMISSION

Trio for Piano, Violin, and Cello in A Minor, Op. 50 (1882)

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

I. Pezzo Elegiaco - Moderato assai

II. a. Tema con Variazioni

Variation I.

Variation II. Piu mosso

Variation III. Allegro moderato

Variation IV. L'istesso tempo

Variation V. L'istesso tempo

Variation VI. Tempo di Valse

Variation VII. Allegro moderato

Variation VIII. Fuga - Allegro moderato

Variation IX. Andante flebile, ma non tanto

Variation X. Tempo di Mazurka

Variation XI. Moderato

b. Variazione Finale e Coda -

Allegro risoluto con fuoco

The reverberative acoustics of Duncan Recital Hall magnify the slightest sound made by the audience. Your care and courtesy will be appreciated. The taking of photographs and use of recording equipment are prohibited.

BIOGRAPHIES

Internationally acclaimed pianist JON KIMURA PARKER was born, raised and educated in Vancouver. In the past two seasons, Dr. Parker has performed as guest soloist with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, the Florida Orchestra, the Houston Symphony, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the NHK Orchestra in Tokyo, as well every major orchestra in Canada. He has given recitals in London, New York, Chicago, Munich, Budapest, Sydney, Hong Kong, and Tokyo and has performed regularly with the Cleveland and Tokyo Quartets, Joshua Bell, Lynn Harrell, Cho-Liang Lin and Pinchas Zukerman. A versatile performer, he has also jammed with Doc Severinsen and Bobby McFerrin. Gold Medal winner at the 1984 Leeds International Piano Competition, Dr. Parker was also awarded his country's highest honor, the Order of Canada, in 1999.

Jon Kimura Parker is Professor of Piano at the Shepherd School of Music and is Artistic Advisor of the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival. A committed educator, he has given master classes at the Steans Institute, the Banff Centre, the Brevard Festival, Caramoor's Rising Stars, and the Juilliard School. He hosts the television series "WholeNotes" about classical music, and performs and lectures in remote regions of Canada as a founding member of "Encore Six" (formerly "Piano Six.") Dr. Parker was also seen on CNN performing in war-torn Sarajevo and has been documented frequently on CBC, as well as on PBS's "The Visionaries." Dr. Parker has recorded for Telarc with André Previn, Yoel Levi, and Peter Schickele. He studied with Edward Parker, Keiko Parker, Robin Wood, Marek Jablonski, and Lee Kum-Sing, as well as Adele Marcus, under whom he received his doctorate at the Juilliard School in 1988. He is married to violinist and violist Aloysia Friedmann and is father to five-year-old Sophie. For further information, please see kimura.com.

Beginning her violin studies at the age of two, HELEN NIGHTENGALE made her solo debut at the age of ten with the Louisville Orchestra playing the Mendelssohn Concerto, and at age sixteen performed the Tchaikovsky with the same orchestra. At the age of twenty, while attending the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, as a full scholarship student, she was appointed to the Assistant Concertmaster position of the Louisville Orchestra. During her tenure there, she performed as soloist and chamber musician numerous times. Since that time, she has held various symphonic positions, including concertmaster positions with the London Symphony Orchestra, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the Los Angeles Opera, and the Lower Saxony State Opera in Hannover, Germany. In 1990 Ms. Nightengale attended the Ravinia Festival's Steans Institute for Young Artists, and, while there, founded the Kandinsky String Trio with two of the other participants; violist Hartmut Rohde and cellist Nikolai Schneider. Since 1991 the trio has achieved prominence and enjoyed great success in Europe. They have toured

extensively in Germany and have also given concerts in Austria, France, and the Asian republics of Kazakhstan and Kurgistan. They can be heard on both the Naxos and Arte labels. In the spring of 2000, the trio made a very successful tour of the United States, including concerts in New York City and Washington, D.C. In the fall of 2001, Ms. Nightengale left the Kandinsky String Trio and Germany and returned to the United States to further her artistic range. In the recent past, Ms. Nightengale has appeared as soloist and in chamber music with pianists Menachem Pressler, Jeffrey Kahane, Jon Kimura Parker, and Steven Hough, and with cellists David Geringas and Lynn Harrell.

Her solo and recital engagements have included a United States State Department tour in Central America and performances with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra in Tokyo and Osaka. She has also performed as guest soloist with the Chicago Lyric Orchestra in the United States and with the Lower Saxony and Lower Rhine Orchestras in Germany.

In the 2003-2004 season, her engagements included performances at the Ravinia Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, and the Verbier Festival in Switzerland.

Ms. Nightengale performs on the 1736 Pollitzer-Koessler Guarneri del Gesu.

Founder and Artistic Director of the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival in Washington, ALOYSIA FRIEDMANN has also toured in Japan, Europe, South America, and the U.S. The New York Times praised her "fiery spirit" after her Carnegie Recital Hall debut. She has been featured as a violinist and violist in the Blossom, Bard, Caramoor, Kapalua, Mostly Mozart, Seattle, San Diego, Strings in the Mountains, and Vancouver chamber music festivals. Ms. Friedmann has also performed in New York's Orchestra of St. Luke's and was the concertmaster of the Fairfield Orchestra in Connecticut.

An unusually versatile musician, Aloysia Friedmann has also performed rock'n'roll alongside "Metallica" in Madison Square Garden, and made her onstage Broadway debut in "The Merchant of Venice" with Dustin Hoffman. Ms. Friedmann was the featured soloist in the world premiere recording of William O. Smith's Jazz Set for violin and wind quintet with her mother Laila Storch and the Soni Ventorum Woodwind Quintet. Aloysia Friedmann is featured as both violist and producer on the CD "Classical Music With a View: Islands and Vistas" (www.oicmf.org.) She was also Acting Concertmaster for Houston Grand Opera's world premiere performance of Jake Heggie's The End of the Affair. Currently Aloysia Friedmann is Affiliate Artist of Viola at the University of Houston, Moores School of Music. Her teachers were Ivan Galamian and Margaret Pardee at The Juilliard School, Emanuel Zetlin at the University of Washington, and her father, Martin Friedmann.

A consummate soloist, chamber musician, recitalist, conductor, and teacher, LYNN HARRELL's work in America, Europe, and Asia has placed him in the highest echelon of today's performing artists. A frequent guest of many of the leading orchestras, in recent seasons Dr. Harrell has performed with the Boston and Chicago symphonies, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony (whom he guest conducted), the St. Louis Symphony at Royal Festival Hall, the London Philharmonic with Kurt Masur conducting, and the Israel Philharmonic with Franz Welser-Möst conducting. Additional highlights include a two-week tour to Japan with Vladimir Ashkenazy and Pinchas Zukerman, a three-week "Lynn Harrell Cello Festival" with the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and a return tour to Australia.

A special part of Dr. Harrell's life is the Aspen Music Festival, where he has spent his summers performing and teaching for nearly fifty years. Dr. Harrell is also a regular participant at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland. On April 7, 1994, he appeared at the Vatican with the Royal Philharmonic conducted by Gilbert Levine in a concert dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The audience for this historic event, which was the Vatican's first official commemoration of the Holocaust, included Pope John Paul II and the Chief Rabbi of Rome. Dr. Harrell also appeared live on the internationally-televised 1994 Grammy Awards Show with Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman performing an excerpt from their Grammy-nominated complete Beethoven String Trios recording (Angel/EMI). The trio was the only classical nominee to perform on the show.

Highlights from an extensive discography of over thirty recordings include the complete Bach Cello Suites (London/Decca), two recordings of the Dvořák Cello Concerto (RCA and London/Decca), the world premiere recording of Victor Herbert's Cello Concerto No.1 with the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields led by Sir Neville Marriner (London/Decca), the Walton Concerto with Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (EMI), and the Donald Erb Concerto with Leonard Slatkin and the St. Louis Symphony (New World). Together with Perlman and Ashkenazy, Harrell was awarded two Grammy Awards - in 1981 for the Tchaikovsky Piano Trio and in 1987 for the complete Beethoven Piano Trios (Angel/EMI). He collaborated with Stephen Kovacevich in recording the two Brahms cello sonatas and with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg on Bella Italia: "Chamber Music from Aspen" (EMI), which includes a performance of Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. A recording of the Schubert Trios with Ashkenazy and Zukerman (London/Decca) was released in 1998. His recording of the Rózsa Concerto with the Atlanta Symphony (Telarc) was released in February 2000. His recording with Kennedy, "Duos for Violin and Cello," was released to great critical acclaim (EMI, May 2000).

Dr. Harrell's experience as an educator is wide and varied. From 1985-1993 he held the International Chair for Cello Studies at the Royal Academy in London. Concurrently from 1988-1992 he was the Artistic Director of the orchestra, chamber music, and conductor training program at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute. In 1993 he became head of the Royal Academy in London, a post which he held through 1995. Additionally, Dr. Harrell has taught at the Juilliard School, the Cincinnati College-Conservatory, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and UCLA, as well as USC, where he held the Piatigorsky Chair from 1987-1993. Dr. Harrell has also given master classes at the Verbier and Aspen Festivals, and in major metropolitan areas throughout the world as part of his annual touring.

Dr. Harrell is Professor of Violoncello at the Shepherd School of Music. Born in New York to musician parents, he began his musical studies in Dallas and proceeded to the Juilliard School and the Curtis Institute. Dr. Harrell is the recipient of numerous awards including the first Avery Fisher Award. He plays a 1673 Stradivarius and a 1720 Montagnana.

