

FACULTY RECITAL

CHO-LIANG LIN, violin

JAMES DUNHAM, viola

NORMAN FISCHER, cello

JON KIMURA PARKER, piano

Thursday, September 17, 2009

8:00 p.m.

Lillian H. Duncan Recital Hall

RICE UNIVERSITY

the
Shepherd
School
of Music

PROGRAM

Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 47 Robert Schumann
Sostenuto assai; Allegro, ma non troppo (1810-1856)
Scherzo. Molto vivace
Andante cantabile
Finale. Vivace

INTERMISSION

Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 25 Johannes Brahms
Allegro (1833-1897)
Intermezzo (Allegro ma non troppo)
Andante con moto
Rondo alla Zingarese

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BIOGRAPHIES

CHO-LIANG LIN is a violinist whose career has spanned the globe for twenty-five years. Since his debut at Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival with David Zinman at the age of nineteen, he has appeared with virtually every major orchestra in the world including the Boston Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, London Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, and New York Philharmonic. He has over twenty recordings to his credit ranging from the concertos of Mozart, Mendelssohn, Bruch, and Sibelius to Prokofiev and Stravinsky, as well as chamber music works of Schubert, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Ravel on Sony Classical. His recording partners include Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Leonard Slatkin, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Isaac Stern. His recordings have won England's Gramophone Record of the Year as well as Grammy nominations in the United States. He is an advocate for new music by commissioning and presenting premiere performances and recordings of works by Chen Yi, Philip Glass, Aaron Jay Kernis, Christopher Rouse, Bright Sheng, Tan Dun, George Tsontakis, and many more. Mr. Lin is a versatile musician, equally at home as a soloist with orchestra as well as in recital and in chamber music.

In 1997 he founded the Taipei International Music Festival. It became the largest classical music event in the history of Taiwan. He is also artistic director of La Jolla SummerFest in California. Born in Taiwan in 1960, Cho-Liang Lin began violin studies at the age of five. In 1972 he moved to Sydney, Australia, to further his musical training. His early teachers included Sylvia Lee and Robert Pikler. At the age of fifteen, he began six years of study with Dorothy DeLay at the Juilliard School in New York. While a college freshman, he won first prize at the Queen Sophia International Violin Competition in Spain, and that launched his concert career. In 1981, Zubin Mehta invited him to perform the Mendelssohn concerto with the New York Philharmonic which was followed by an Asian tour with the same conductor and ensemble.

At the age of twenty-two, Mr. Lin recorded his first album with Neville Marriner for CBS Masterworks, now Sony Classical. In 1981 Mr. Lin was appointed to the faculty at the Juilliard School where his students have won top prizes in international competitions and have launched their own solo careers. He joined The Shepherd School of Music as Professor of Violin in 2006.

*Violist JAMES DUNHAM is active as a recitalist and guest artist. He has collaborated with such renowned artists as Emanuel Ax, Joshua Bell, Lynn Harrell, Cho-Liang Lin and members of the American, Cassatt, Guarneri, Juilliard, Takács, Tokyo, and Ying Quartets. An advocate of new music, he recently premiered and recorded two works by Libby Larsen – her **Viola Sonata** (2001) and **Sifting Through the Ruins** (2005) for viola, mezzo-soprano (Susanne Mentzer) and piano, due for release by Naxos. Summers are spent at festivals including Sarasota, Amelia Island (Florida), Aspen,*

*La Jolla Chamber Music Festival, and le Domaine Forget (Quebec), with past participation in Festival der Zukunft (Ernen, Switzerland), the San Diego Mainly Mozart Festival, and three summers at the Marlboro Music Festival. Highlights of recent seasons included a pair of concerts with the Takács Quartet in Carnegie Hall, concerts in Reykjavik, Iceland, and returns to San Diego, San Francisco, New York, and Vermont, as well as regular engagements with Houston Friends of Music and Da Camera of Houston. Other recording projects have included **Glyph** by Judith Shatin for solo viola with string quartet and piano, and the recently released Telarc recording of Tchaikovsky's **Souvenir de Florence** with the Ying Quartet and cellist Paul Katz.*

Violist of the 1996 Grammy Award-winning Cleveland Quartet for eight years, James Dunham performed throughout North America, Europe, the Far East, and the Soviet Union. Founding violist of the Naumburg Award winning Sequoia String Quartet, he formerly taught at California Institute of the Arts, the Eastman School of Music, and the New England Conservatory, where he also chaired the String Department and received the Louis & Adrienne Krasner Teaching Excellence Award. Mr. Dunham is Professor of Viola and Chamber Music at The Shepherd School of Music where he directs the Master of Music in String Quartet program.

NORMAN FISCHER is one of America's most versatile cellists. After completing instrumental study with Richard Kapuscinski, Claus Adam, and Bernard Greenhouse, he first graced the international concert stage as cellist with the Concord String Quartet, a group that won the Naumburg Chamber Music Award, an Emmy and several Grammy nominations, and recorded over forty works on RCA Red Seal, Vox, Nonesuch, Turnabout, and CRI.

In addition to performing the major concertos, Mr. Fischer has premiered and recorded many new scores for cello and orchestra. His chamber music expertise has led to guest appearances with the Juilliard, Cleveland, Emerson, American, Chiara, Chester, Ensō, Blair, Schoenberg, Ciompi, Mendelssohn, and Audubon string quartets, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Chamber Music Ann Arbor, Chamber Music International, CONTEXT, and Da Camera of Houston.

Norman Fischer and pianist Jeanne Kierman have performed together as the Fischer Duo for over thirty-five years. The Fischer Duo has been widely praised by music critics for its choice of repertoire. Thoroughly versed in the classical repertoire of Beethoven, Brahms, and Schumann, the Fischer Duo has acquired an equally impressive reputation for rediscovering neglected works of the past (Busoni, Foote, Boulanger, and Liszt). They have commissioned many new scores by contemporary composers such as Augusta Read Thomas, George Rochberg, David Stock, Robert Sirota, Shih-Hui Chen, Anthony Brandt, Richard Lavenda, Pierre Jalbert, and Richard Wilson. In October 2002 they launched a new chamber music festival in Vermont with violinist Curtis Macomber. Mr. Fischer is currently Professor of Violoncello and Coordinator of Chamber Music at The Shepherd School of Music.

*Internationally acclaimed pianist JON KIMURA PARKER was born, raised, and educated in Vancouver. In recent seasons, Dr. Parker has performed as guest artist with the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the NHK Tokyo Symphony, and with major orchestras in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Montreal, San Diego, Salt Lake City, and Toronto. 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. In the summer of 2007, he performed and spoke alongside humanitarians Elie Wiesel, Paul Rusesabagina, and former President George H.W. Bush at the 50th Anniversary of AmeriCares, under whose auspices he performed in war-torn Sarajevo in 1995. In the summer of 2007 he gave the world premiere of Peter Schickele's **Music for Orcas Island**. He also co-directed and produced a 52-minute documentary film about the Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival, called **The First 10 Years**. A versatile performer, he has jammed with Doc Severinsen and Bobby McFerrin, and collaborated with Audra McDonald and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. 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. In the past year he has also given master classes as the E. Stephen Purdom Distinguished Visiting Artist at Columbus State University, and as a Housewright Scholar at Florida State University. He hosts the television series "WholeNotes" about classical music, and gives recitals and lectures in remote regions of Canada as a founding member of "PianoPlus." Dr. Parker was also seen on CNN performing in 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. This season Dr. Parker appears as concerto soloist with over a dozen orchestras including the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic with Alan Gilbert, the Toronto Symphony with Peter Oundjian, the Cleveland Orchestra with Pinchas Steinberg, and the Warsaw Philharmonic with Jerzy Semkow. This summer he also appears at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's **Piano Concerto No. 1**.*

"Jackie" 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 lives in Houston with his wife, violinist and violist Aloysia Friedmann, and their daughter Sophie. For further information, please see kimura.com and oicmf.org.