



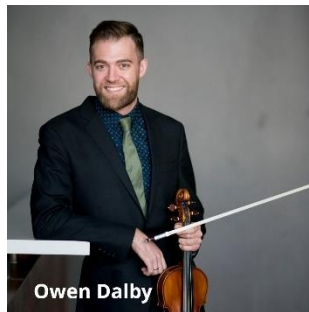
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**VIRTUOSIC PIANIST ILYA YAKUSHEV WITH MEMBERS OF THE
ACCLAIMED ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM MUSIC OF
RACHMANINOFF, BOULANGER, GERSHWIN, BRAHMS & MORE
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 AT 7 P.M.**

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WHO: **Music at Kohl Mansion (MAKM)**, the Bay Area's venerable presenter of the finest international chamber music showcasing many of the world's leading artists in musical programs of exceptional repertoire spanning classical masterworks to highly praised contemporary chamber works.

WHAT: Virtuoso pianist **Ilya Yakushev** returns to Kohl Mansion for a unique collaborative concert with members of the elite St. Lawrence String Quartet, violinist **Owen Dalby** and cellist **Christopher Costanza**, in a program anchored by the glorious Brahms Piano Trio, No. 1. From the haunting melody of Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise* to a jazzy 100th anniversary commemoration of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, this special evening of classic and contemporary music in the hands of these highly talented artists promises to be a memorable conclusion to the 2023-24 MAKM season.

WHEN: **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 7 p.m.**

WHERE: **Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame;** free and ample parking is available.

PROGRAM: Sergei Rachmaninoff: *Vocalise*, Op. 34, No. 14 for Violin and Piano
Nadia Boulanger: *Trois pièces* for Cello and Piano
Andrea Casarrubios: *Silbo* for Cello and Piano
Bohuslav Martinů: Duo No. 1 for Violin and Cello, H. 157
George Gershwin: *Rhapsody in Blue* for solo piano
Johannes Brahms: Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8
Owen Dalby, violin; Christopher Costanza*, cello; Ilya Yakushev, piano

ABOUT: Praised as “dazzling” (*The New York Times*), “expert and versatile” (*The New Yorker*), and “a fearless and inquisitive violinist” (*San Francisco Classical Voice*), **Owen Dalby** leads a rich musical life as a chamber musician, soloist, new and early music expert, orchestral concertmaster, and educator. Dalby is regularly invited to perform as a soloist and chamber musician at festivals from Hamburg to Honolulu, and from Iceland to Mumbai.

For over three decades, cellist **Christopher Costanza** has enjoyed a varied and exciting career as a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. Costanza joined the St. Lawrence String Quartet (SLSQ) in 2003, and tours and records extensively with that ensemble, performing over 100 concerts annually throughout the world. As a member of the SLSQ, he is an Artist in Residence at Stanford University, where he teaches cello and chamber music. Costanza has performed to wide critical acclaim in the U.S., Canada, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Australia, New Zealand, China, Korea, and Europe. His summer festival appearances include the Marlboro, Yellow Barn, Santa Fe, Taos, Chamber Music Northwest, Seattle, Bay Chamber Concerts, Ottawa, and Bravo! Vail Valley festivals.

In recent seasons, **Ilya Yakushev** has performed in various prestigious venues worldwide, including St. Petersburg’s Glinka Philharmonic Hall, Singapore’s Victoria Hall, Carnegie Hall, Davies Symphony Hall and Sejong Performing Arts Center in Seoul. His critically acclaimed credits include performances with the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and Utah Symphony. The winner of the 2005 World Piano Competition, Yakushev made a fiery “unforgettable debut” debut in 2007 with the San Francisco Symphony’s Prokofiev Festival under Michael Tilson Thomas. These performances were highly praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as “One of the Top 10 Classical Music Events of the Year.” Yakushev’s 2024-25 season in the U.S. includes over 30 recitals, concertos and chamber music performances spanning NYC to Hawai’i.

TICKETS: Single tickets are now on sale and priced \$58 (adult), \$55 (senior) and \$25 (age 30 and under). To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at (650) 762-1130 or order online via musicatkohl.org.

MORE: Ticket-holders are invited to attend an informative pre-performance talk with cellist Christopher Costanza on Sunday, May 5 at 6 p.m. in the Kohl Mansion Library. The audience is invited to meet the artists after the concert for a wine and dessert reception.

NOTE: Messrs. Yakushev, Dalby and Costanza will appear in a free public conversation performing musical excerpts at the San Mateo Public Library, Saturday May 4 at 3 p.m., Oak Room, 55 West 3rd Ave, San Mateo.

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