



International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

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International Violin Competition of Indianapolis Announces its 2019-2020 Laureate Series

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) is pleased to announce its 2019-2020 Season, which will feature six of its Laureates: Gold Medalists **Kyoko Takezawa** (1986) and **Pavel Berman** (1990); Silver Medalist **Tessa Lark** (2014); and Bronze Medalists **Andrés Cárdenes** (1986), **Soovin Kim** (2002) and **Luke Hsu** (2018). They will be joined by Indiana-based ensembles including the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra (November 23), the Ronen Chamber Ensemble (January 28), the Jacobs School of Music String Academy Virtuosi (February 16), plus long-time IVCI pianist Chih-Yi Chen (February 16 and March 24). Back by popular demand, the DePue Brothers Band will return December 13 for their Bluegrass Family Christmas program, and Tessa Lark reprises her sensational *Hot Swing: Gypsy Jazz* with bassist Michael Thurber on May 12. In 2020, the IVCI will feature a three-concert celebration featuring works by Beethoven will take place mid-season, honoring the 250th anniversary of the composer’s birth (February 16, March 24 and April 16).

Performances will be held in popular venues across Indianapolis including the **Schrott Center for the Performing Arts** at Butler University (610 W 46th Street), **The Cabaret** (924 N Pennsylvania Street), the Cook Theater and Grand Hall at **Indiana Landmarks** (1201 Central Avenue) and the **Indiana History Center** (450 W Ohio Street).

Ticket Information

Patrons can purchase tickets online or by calling the IVCI office at (317) 637-4574. Tickets begin at \$30 for Adults and \$25 for Seniors. Students of any age with a valid ID may attend any performance for \$10.

- **Subscription Packages**

Subscriptions are available for \$188 for the season (20% off regular admission), which includes the patron’s choice of one ticket for each of the seven concerts, or seven “flex” vouchers which can be used in any combination for any of the seven concerts.

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- **Early Bird Subscription Specials**

Until **August 5, 2019**, the IVCI offers patrons a discount of 30% off regular admission. **As an added bonus**, if a patron purchases one season subscription, they are entitled to purchase a second subscription (of equal value) at an additional 30% off.

For tickets and subscription information, visit www.violin.org or call (317) 637-4574.

2019-2020 Laureate Series Summary

Czech Mates: Janáček, Brahms and Friends

Saturday, November 23, 2019 (7:30 PM)

Schrott Center for the Arts – 610 W 46th Street

In a co-presentation with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, 1986 Bronze Medalist **Andrés Cárdenes** will join ICO Principal Cello Marjorie Lange Hanna in Brahms' majestic Double Concerto, conducted by ICO Music Director Matthew Kraemer. Also featured on the program is Martinů's Overture, H. 345, Janáček's Suite, Op. 3 and Mozart's Symphony No. 38 in D, K. 504 ("Prague").

DePue Brothers Band: A Bluegrass Family Christmas

Friday, December 13, 2019 (7:30 PM)

Cook Theater, Indiana Landmarks – 1201 Central Avenue

The IVCI and Indiana Landmarks co-present the DePue Brothers Band in their holiday-inspired program combining bluegrass, classical and rock genres in the intimate Cook Theater at Indiana Landmarks. Brothers Alex, Wallace, Jason and Zach DePue will join guest musicians on bass, guitar and percussion for this cabaret-style event, where patrons can order food and wine. Tables of two, four, six and eight are available to reserve for an additional \$10 per seat by calling (317) 637-4574. Visit www.violin.org to view a map of the seating area.

1990 Gold Medalist Pavel Berman with the Ronen Chamber Ensemble

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 (7:30 PM)

Indiana History Center – 450 W Ohio Street

Indianapolis' own Ronen Chamber Ensemble will join 1990 Gold Medalist **Pavel Berman** in chamber music of Giancarlo Menotti and Swedish Romantic composer Franz Berwald. Also featured on the program is César Franck's lyrical violin sonata written for Eugène Ysaÿe, plus Sarasate's seductive *Carmen Fantasy*.

Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* with 2018 Silver Medalist Luke Hsu

Sunday, February 16, 2020 (2:30 PM)

Indiana History Center – 450 W Ohio Street

Bronze Medalist **Luke Hsu** from the recent 10th Quadrennial Competition in 2018 returns to Indianapolis for his solo recital debut with Vivaldi's complete *Four Seasons*, featuring the Jacobs

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School of Music String Academy Virtuosi. Equally talented as a composer, Hsu will give the world premiere performance of his new work, written especially for this recital. This performance will also feature the Sonata No. 8 in G, Op. 30 by Beethoven, the first of several works by Beethoven in the 2019/2020 Season celebrating the 250th anniversary of this composer's birth in 1770.

Heroic Saint-Saëns and Beethoven with 1986 Gold Medalist Kyoko Takezawa

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 (7:30 PM)

Indiana History Center – 450 W Ohio Street

1986 Gold Medalist **Kyoko Takezawa** showcases a noble side of Saint-Saëns, who drew inspiration for his first violin sonata from Beethoven. Combined with Chopin's beloved Nocturne in D-flat and Bloch's lyrical *Baal Shem* Suite, Takezawa and pianist Chih-Yi Chen delight in this inspirationally heroic program. Continuing the Beethoven 250th Celebration, Takezawa and Chen will perform Beethoven's sensual Sonata No. 10 in G, Op. 96.

Forces of Nature: Beethoven and Jalbert with the Chien-Kim-Watkins Trio

Thursday, April 16, 2020 (7:30 PM)

Great Hall, Indiana Landmarks – 1201 Central Avenue

Beethoven was known to find inspiration strolling through the German and Austrian countrysides, saturating his music with the love of nature. 2002 Bronze Medalist **Soovin Kim** along with pianist Gloria Chien and cellist Paul Watkins (of the Emerson Trio) present two of Beethoven's most celebrated trios, drawing to a close the 2019-2020 Beethoven Celebration. The nature-inspired Trio No. 2 by American composer Pierre Jalbert elegantly juxtaposes the two trios of Beethoven.

Tessa Lark's *Hot Swing: Gypsy Jazz Returns!*

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (7:30 PM)

The Cabaret – 924 N Pennsylvania Street

Set in the majestic Cabaret Theater in downtown Indianapolis, 2014 Silver Medalist **Tessa Lark** returns with bassist Michael Thurber in *Hot Swing: Gypsy Jazz*. Back by popular demand, this program in the style of Stéphane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt will be a cabaret-style event, and patrons will have the opportunity to order food and wine, and reserve tables of two, four or six seats for an additional \$10 per seat by calling (317) 637-4574. Visit www.violin.org to view a map of the seating area.

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The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) recognizes, rewards, and promotes the world's finest young classical violinists, and encourages understanding, appreciation, and support of the violin repertoire by a large and diverse audience. The IVCI utilizes its world prominence to bring international attention to Indianapolis, and maintains its efforts to be a visible and collaborative member of the arts communities in Indianapolis and Indiana.

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