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International Violin Competition of Indianapolis Announces its 2020-2021 Laureate Series

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 Laureate Series, proudly sponsored by Printing Partners. The season will feature two gold medalists: **Richard Lin** (2018) and **Kyoko Takezawa** (1986), Bronze Medalist **Luke Hsu** (2018), and Laureate **Ioana Cristina Goicea** (2018). They will be joined by Indianapolis-based ensembles including the **Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra** (October 16) and the **Ronen Chamber Ensemble** (June 3), plus long-time IVCI pianist **Chih-Yi Chen** (February 23 and May 20).

Special guests include the popular ensemble **Time for Three** (January 26), and Scandinavian trio **Dreamers' Circus** (April 8). We also celebrate the 80th birthday of IVCI Artistic Director **Jaime Laredo** (March 23), who will be joined by 2014 IVCI Gold Medalist **Jinjoo Cho**, 2018 IVCI Laureate **Shannon Lee**, and other distinguished guest artists. The National Bank of Indianapolis is a proud Supporting Sponsor of these three evenings.

The performances will take place in venues across the city including **Clowes Memorial Hall** (4602 Sunset Avenue), **The Cabaret** (924 North Pennsylvania Street), the **Frank and Katrina Basile Theater** at the **Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center** (450 West Ohio Street) and **Indiana Landmarks** (1201 Central Avenue).

The IVCI remains committed to the health of its patrons, musicians and staff, and will continue to keep the public aware of safeguard measures put in place to practice social distancing for all events. Patrons can stay up to date via social media or by visiting www.violin.org prior to each concert.

Ticket Information

Patrons can purchase tickets online or by calling the IVCI office at (317) 637-4574. While the staff are currently working remotely, patrons are encouraged to leave their orders on voice mail for Mindy Miller, Director of Operations. Tickets begin at \$30 for Adults and \$25 for Seniors (60+). Students of any age with a valid ID may attend any performance for \$10.

- **Subscription Packages**

Standard subscriptions packages are available for \$188 for the season (20% off regular admission), and Senior (60+) packages for \$172. Each package 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.

- **Early Bird Subscription Specials**

Until **September 1, 2020**, 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.

- **First Responders Discount**

The IVCI is extremely grateful for the services of our community's first responders and health care professionals, and offers a 50% discount on single tickets for the 20/21 Laureate Series to those individuals with appropriate identification.

For tickets and subscription information, visit www.violin.org or call (317) 637-4574 and leave a message for Mindy Miller, Director of Operations.

2020-2021 Laureate Series Summary

Celebrating Mother Earth: 2018 Gold Medalist Richard Lin with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Friday, October 16, 2020 (7:30 PM)

Clowes Memorial Hall – 4602 Sunset Avenue

Led by Music Director Matthew Kraemer, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and 2018 IVCI Gold Medalist **Richard Lin** perform Mendelssohn's passionate violin concerto in a globally inspired program featuring works by Bridge, Schubert, and a world premiere by Venezuelan composer Reinaldo Moya.

Time for Three

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (5:30 PM and 8:00 PM)

The Cabaret | 924 North Pennsylvania Street

Trio sensation and Indy favorite **Time for Three** returns to perform two programs in one night. Arrive after work for the 5:30 PM happy hour concert (60 minutes) and receive a free beverage voucher, or order dinner (food catered by The Jazz Kitchen) during the full length 8:00 PM performance. Set in the beautifully majestic Cabaret Theater, the evening features Nick Kendall and Charles Yang on violin/vocals and Ranaan Meyer on bass/vocals. Full tables are available for reservation for the 8:00 PM performance only for an additional \$10 per seat; contact the IVCI office for more information.

Romanian Fireworks: 2018 Laureate Ioana Cristina Goicea Debut Recital and Chih-Yi Chen, piano

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (7:30 PM)

Indiana History Center | 450 W Ohio Street

2018 Laureate **Ioana Cristina Goicea** opens her Indianapolis recital debut with music inspired by her native Romania, including Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances* and Enescu's Sonata No. 3. Following intermission, Ioana and pianist Chih-Yi Chen will perform Tchaikovsky's *Méditation* and *Mélodie* from *Souvenir d'un lieu cher*, Ravel's Sonata No. 2 in G, and *Introduction et rondo capriccioso* by Saint-Saëns.

Jaime Laredo's 80th Birthday Celebration!

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (7:30 PM)

Indiana History Center | 450 W Ohio Street

This season we celebrate the 80th birthday of our beloved friend, IVCI Artistic Director **Jaime Laredo**. Together with former Laureates, jury members and other distinguished artists, we honor Maestro Laredo who has helped lead The Indianapolis to its worldwide prominence. Featured artists include IVCI Laureates **Jinjo Cho** (2014 Gold Medalist), **Shannon Lee** (2018 Laureate), former jury member **Malcolm Lowe** (retired Concertmaster of the Boston Symphony Orchestra), violists **Yu Jin** (Principal, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra) and **Steven Tenenbom** (Orion String Quartet), and cellists **Sharon Robinson** (Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio) and **Keith Robinson** (Miami String Quartet). Together they will perform Telemann's Concerto for Four Violins in D, Brahms' Sextet in B-flat, Op. 18, No. 1, and Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat major, Op. 20.

Dreamers' Circus

Thursday, April 8, 2021 (7:30 PM)

Cook Theater, Indiana Landmarks | 1201 Central Avenue

Rooted by a love of traditional Scandinavian folk music and blended with elements of classical and jazz, **Dreamers' Circus** brews it all together to create something ingenious. Consisting of violinist Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen (Danish String Quartet), pianist Nikolaj Busk and citternist Ale Carr, Dreamers' Circus "strives to invoke a place of freedom, somewhere for our imagination to play in and a space for dreaming." Full tables are available for reservation for an additional \$10 per seat; contact the IVCI office for more information.

Heroic Saint-Saëns and Beethoven with 1986 Gold Medalist Kyoko Takezawa and Chih-Yi Chen, piano

Thursday, May 20, 2021 (7:30 PM)

Indiana History Center | 450 W Ohio Street

1986 Gold Medalist **Kyoko Takezawa** collaborates with pianist Chih-Yi Chen to feature Saint-Saëns' noble Sonata No. 1, a work which echoes the heroic musical

language of Beethoven. The pair also performs Beethoven's Sonata No. 10 in G, Chopin's sentimental Nocturne in D-flat, and Bloch's *Baal Shem* Suite.

French Soundscapes: 2018 Bronze Medalist Luke Hsu with 2019 International Harp Competition Gold Medalist Mélanie Laurent and Ronen Chamber Ensemble

Thursday, June 3, 2021 (7:30 PM)

Indiana Landmarks – Grand Hall | 1201 Central Avenue

2018 Bronze Medalist **Luke Hsu** combines forces with 2019 International Harp Competition Gold Medalist **Mélanie Laurent** in a program featuring the beautifully unique pairing of violin and harp, including Piazzolla's capricious *Histoire du Tango* and Saint-Saëns' *Fantaisie* for Violin and Harp. The program closes with a collaboration with the Ronen Chamber Ensemble in Ravel's famed *Introduction and Allegro* for Harp, Flute, Clarinet and String Quartet.

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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.

For information about the IVCI, visit www.violin.org.