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IVCI announces 25/26 Laureate Series, featuring a six-concert season with four Laureates, special guests and a free community concert

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) is pleased to announce its 2025/26 Laureate Series, commencing in September. The six-concert season includes a spectacular lineup featuring GRAMMY®-nominated jazz violinist Sara Caswell in a free community concert, the acclaimed Rosamunde Quartet, and recitals by Gold Medalists Mihaela Martin and Sirena Huang. 2018 Laureate Shannon Lee and genre-defying trio Tessa Lark, Charles Yang and Peter Dugan round out the season in the spring.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 2:30 PM

Madam Walker Theatre | 617 Indiana Avenue

The Sara Caswell Quartet

In the IVCI's third annual free community concert, Bloomington native and GRAMMY®-nominated jazz violinist **Sara Caswell** leads her quartet in an electrifying night of jazz and improvisation at the historic Madam Walker Theatre. This performance is free to the public, though tickets are required.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 7:30 PM

Indiana Landmarks Center | 1201 Central Avenue

Rosamunde Quartet

The Rosamunde Quartet makes its Indianapolis debut in this co-presentation with Ensemble Music Society. The quartet consists of 2022 IVCI Jury Member **Noah Bendix-Balgley** (First Concertmaster, Berlin Philharmonic), violinist **Shanshan Yao** (Kammerakademie Potsdam), violist **Teng Li** (Principal, Chicago Symphony Orchestra) and cellist/Indy native **Nathan Vickery** (New York Philharmonic).

BEETHOVEN String Quartet in D, Op. 18, No. 3

GEORGE WALKER String Quartet No. 1, "Lyric"

MENDELSSOHN String Quartet in F minor, Op. 80

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Indiana History Center | 450 W. Ohio Street

1982 Gold Medalist Mihaela Martin with pianist Chih-Yi Chen

As the first Gold Medalist in IVCI history, **Mihaela Martin** holds a special place in the organization's legacy. She joins IVCI Pianist **Chih-Yi Chen** in a recital entitled *Dances and Romances*, exploring the rich intersection of rhythmic folk traditions plus expressions of passion and desire. This performance will be livestreamed and available on-demand through Friday, February 6, 2026. We thank Streaming Sponsor Marian Pettengill for her support.



GRIEG Violin Sonata No. 2, Op. 13
STRAVINSKY *Divertimento*
BEACH *Romance*, Op. 23
C. SCHUMANN *Three Romances*, Op. 22
ENESCU Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 25

Thursday, February 19, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Indiana Landmarks Center | 1201 Central Avenue

2022 Gold Medalist Sirena Huang with 2017 APA Winner Drew Petersen

The IVCI and the American Piano Awards co-present this recital featuring 2022 Gold Medalist **Sirena Huang** and 2017 APA Winner **Drew Petersen**. The duo features the world premiere performance of a new work by Daniel Bernard Roumain, commissioned by the IVCI and Sirena Huang.

BEETHOVEN Violin Sonata No. 5 in F ("Spring")
FRANK *Sueños de Chambi*
ADAMS *Phrygian Gates*
ROUMAIN **World Premiere**
JOPLIN Selected Works

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Indiana History Center | 450 W. Ohio Street

2018 Laureate Shannon Lee in Recital with pianist Arseniy Gusev

In her highly anticipated Indianapolis recital debut, 2018 Laureate **Shannon Lee** pairs with acclaimed pianist/composer **Arseniy Gusev** in a captivating 20th-century program.

STRAVINSKY *Suite italienne* from *Pulcinella* (excerpts)
SZYMANOWSKI *Mythes*, Op. 30
LUTOSŁAWSKI *Partita*
GUSEV *Crossroads*
SLONIMSKY Sonata for Violin and Piano

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 7:30 PM
The Cabaret | 924 N. Pennsylvania Street

An Evening with 2014 Silver Medalist Tessa Lark, Charles Yang and Peter Dugan

2014 Silver Medalist/popular bluegrass fiddler **Tessa Lark** joins forces with Time for Three's **Charles Yang** (violin/vocals) and *From the Top's* **Peter Dugan** (piano) for an evening of classical, bluegrass, jazz, and pop fusion in the intimate setting of The Cabaret, with catering available for purchase by The Jazz Kitchen. Patrons can reserve tables of two, four and six for an additional \$10 per seat.



Ticket Information

Subscriptions and single tickets are now available for purchase by ordering online, calling the IVCI offices at (317) 637-4574, or emailing Fiona Murray, Director of Operations (fiona@violin.org).

- **Subscription Packages**

Two subscription packages are available for \$160 for the season, and Senior (60+) packages for \$140 (20% off regular admission):

- **Standard:** one ticket for each of the five paid concerts
- **You-Pick-Five:** choose five tickets to be used in any combination for any of the five paid concerts

Patrons may reserve up to six tickets for the September 20 free performance featuring the Sara Caswell Quartet.

- **Early Bird Subscription Special (expires Friday, September 5)**

From now through Friday, September 5, the IVCI offers patrons 30% off regular admission. Adult subscriptions are \$140; Senior subscriptions (60+) are \$120.

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

Contact Information

Patrons may contact the IVCI offices at (317) 637-4574 or ivci@violin.org with any questions.

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