

# NICHOLAS ROERICH MUSEUM

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Sunday, May 29, 2016, at 5 p.m.

David Pedraza, *viola*    Anna Nizhegorodtseva, *piano*

## PROGRAM

Roumanian Folk Dances

Béla Bartók (1881–1945)

- I.    Joc Cu Bata
- II.   Braul
- III. Pe Loc
- IV.  Buciumeana
- V.    Poarga Romaneasca
- VI.  Maruntelul

Hungarian Dances

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

- I.    Allegretto
- II.   Allegro Molto
- III.  Allegro

Sonata in A major for Viola and Piano

César Franck (1822–1890)

- I.    Allegretto ben moderato
- II.   Allegro
- III.  Recitativo-Fantasia: Ben moderato
- IV.  Allegretto poco mosso

Meditation from “Thaïs”

Jules Massenet (1842–1912)

Czardas

Vittorio Monti (1868–1922)

## **David Pedraza**

Violist David Pedraza was born in Reynosa, Mexico, and began his musical studies at 14 in the OCJM under Jose Vazquez. Later on he received a full scholarship to study for his Bachelor of Music degree at Shenandoah Conservatory. From 2003 to 2005 he was part of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas under Placido Domingo, Carlos Prieto and Gustavo Dudamel. David holds a Professional Performance Certificate from Lynn University Conservatory of Music and recently he finished his Master of Music degree at the same institution with an award of full scholarship. He won the First Prize with the Vitali String Quartet at the 2004 MTNA Virginia chamber music competition and also received honorific mentions in 2005 and 2007 at the MTNA Viola competition in Florida. He has participated in master classes given by Carol Rodland, Jeffrey Irvine, Roberto Diaz, Kim Kashkashian, Peter Slowik, Orlando Cole, Arnold Steinhardt, Ellen Rose, Basil Vendryes and Wilfried Strehle. Recently he performed the Bartok Viola Concerto with the Orquesta Sinfonica de la UAT. David has performed in countries such as Mexico, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Spain, France, Switzerland and the UK. His main teacher was Ralph Fielding. Currently he is part of the Con Brio Quartet, Symphony of the Americas.

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## **Anna Nizhegorodtseva**

Anna began her piano studies at the age of 6; and in the year 2000 she graduated from the Music School of Art in Nizhni Novgorod. She obtained her Bachelor of Music degree from Nizhni Novgorod Balakirev College of Music and her Master's from Nizhni Novgorod Glinka State Conservatory, where she studied under the direction of Professor Elena Alekseeva; While at the Conservatory, Anna was awarded a Federal Scholarship for gifted young pianists. Some of the awards she has obtained in piano and chamber music competitions are the 3rd prize in the Volgograd Chamber Music Competition (2003), 1st prize in the Nizhni Novgorod Music College Competition (2004), 1st Prize in the International Piano Competition of Kiev, Ukraine (2005), 2nd Prize in the Super Royal-Perm Nizhniy Novgorod (2006), 2nd prize in the Moscow Chamber Music Competition (2009), 1st place in the CAPMT of California (2010 and 2011), and 1st place in MTAC (2010). She was a finalist in the International piano contest in Malaga, Spain (2008) and in the First American Paderewski Piano Competition in Los Angeles, California (2010). In November 2010, Anna won 2nd place in the Los Angeles International Bicentennial Liszt Piano Competition. Anna has also participated in several international master classes and festivals. In July 2009 she attended a piano master class in Granada, Spain, directed by Leonel Morales and in July 2010 she went to France to take part in the piano master class and festival of a famous pianist and teacher Dina Yoffe. In July 2011 Anna attended the International Piano Institute in Azusa, California where she took lessons with the Moscow Conservatory professor, Natalia Trull and with Professor Edward Wolanin, of the Chopin Academy, Poland. In May 2012 she obtained the Artist Certificate at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California, under the direction of Professor Roza Yoder. Currently Anna is enrolled in the program of Doctorate in Musical Arts at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC.