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- Jon Robertson, dean

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**Joshua Cessna**  
Master of Music Recital Program  
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall  
Boca Raton, Florida

**Violin Sonata No. 7, Op. 30 No. 2**

*I. Allegro con brio*  
*II. Adagio cantabile*  
*III. Scherzo: Allegro – Trio*  
*IV. Finale: Allegro*

**L. van Beethoven**  
(1770 – 1827)

Ricardo Lemus, violin

**Spring Waters, Op. 14 No. 11**

**How Fair This Spot, Op. 12 No. 7**

**What Happiness, Op. 34 No. 12**

Alexander Ramazanov, trumpet

*Intermission*

**Oboe Sonata, FP 185**

*I. Élégie*  
*II. Scherzo*  
*III. Déploration*

**F. Poulenc**  
(1899 – 1963)

Jonathan Hearn, oboe

**Violin Sonata No. 2**

*I. Allegretto*  
*II. Blues: Moderato*  
*III. Perpetuum mobile: Allegro*

**M. Ravel**  
(1875 – 1937)

Yue Yang, violin

## Artist Biographies

**Joshua Cessna** is a pianist from the Tampa Bay area, currently studying at the Lynn Conservatory for his Masters in Instrumental Collaborative Piano. Joshua was the first place winner of the Florida College System Activity Association's Young Artist Competition in 2013, and has since won concerto competitions at the University of Tampa, and was the Grand Prize winner of the Performer of the Semester Award at the Hillsborough Community College. He has accompanied extensively throughout the Tampa Bay and Miami areas at various universities and theaters, and in 2016 performed in the orchestra with the Tampa Bay Symphony Orchestra in their performance of the Shostakovich Symphony no. 5. Specializing in vocal collaborative piano, he served as staff pianist for the South Eastern regionals of the 2015 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), where he accompanied several dozens of musical theater duets for the Irene Ryan Scholarship.

During his time at the Lynn Conservatory, he has served as orchestra pianist, gave the world premiere of two works by esteemed composer Scott Wheeler, collaborated with Grammy Award-winning flautist Nestor Torres in recital, and had served as orchestra pianist for two semesters. While serving as orchestra pianist for the Lynn Philharmonia, he performed as organist in the Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3 in C minor, "Organ", and Berlioz's *Te Deum*, as well as sharing the stage with critically acclaimed soprano Kathleen Battle.

In addition to his studies in piano, Mr. Cessna also studies classical voice, having started at the beginning of his college career. Since then, he has performed with professional opera companies, including St. Petersburg Opera Company and Miami Lyric Opera, as a chorus member, as well as having performed various roles with the Miami Music Festival. Voice instructors include Miguel Oquendo, Charles Dugan, and Manny Perez.

Having participated in the Miami Music Festival for three full seasons, he received a substantial amount of experience as a collaborative pianist, solo pianist, and vocalist. Equally at home as a collaborative pianist and vocalist, he served as repetiteur for *Don Giovanni*, and scenes from *The Love of Three Oranges*, *Le Nozze de Figaro*, and *West Side Story*. Additionally, he played for the studios of some of the faculty, including Keith Miller, Florence Quivar, and Manny Perez. During the 2016 season he sang the role of Francis Nurse in Robert Ward's *The Crucible*, under the baton of Brad Moore. In the 2017 season, he participated in both the solo piano institute and the Opera Apprentice program. As a participant of the solo piano institute, he was given private lessons by critically acclaimed pianists, such as Ching-Yun Hu, Douglas Humphreys, and Alexander Moutouzkine, as well as attending masterclasses given by Anton Nel and Alessio Bax. For the Opera Apprentice program, Joshua was cast in Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* as the Second Prison Guard and as the cover for Owen Hart, in addition to participating in the Jake Heggie Scenes Program, in which he sang the role of Charlie in a scene from *Three Decembers*, and was given the unique experience of working with the composer himself on both the scene (privately and in a masterclass) and the opera.

Mr. Cessna has participated in piano master classes given by Leonidas Lipovetsky, Duncan MacMillan, Rebecca Penneys, Solon Pierce, Ian Jones, Frederick Moyer, Gilles Vonsattel, Margaret McDonald, and Daniel Grimwood. Joshua received his Bachelors of Music from the University of Tampa, majoring in Piano Performance, in addition to studying voice, viola, and organ performance. Former teachers for piano include Miguel Oquendo, Betty Chester, Benjamin Payne, Ken Hanks, Grigorios Zamparas, and Caren Levine.