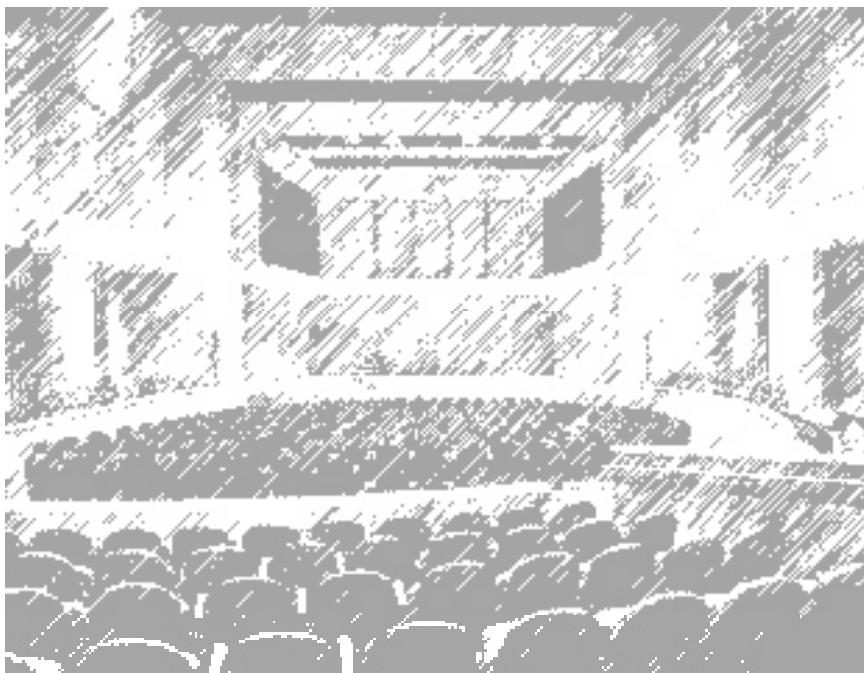


Kennesaw State University  
College of the Arts  
School of Music

presents

Faculty Recital  
Charae Krueger, cello  
Stanley Yerlow, piano



Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Audrey B. and Jack E. Morgan, Sr. Concert Hall  
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center  
*One Hundred Forty-fifth Concert of the 2013-14 Concert Season*

# Program

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)

**Sonata No.4 in C Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 102, No. 1**

I. Andante - Allegro vivace

II. Adagio - Tempo d'andante - Allegro vivace

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF (1873-1943)

**Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor, Op. 19**

I. Lento - Allegro moderato

II. Allegro scherzando

III. Andante

IV. Allegro mosso

# Program Notes

## **Sonata No.4 in C Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 102, No. 1**

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

This sonata consists of two movements:

I. Andante – Allegro vivace

II. Adagio – Tempo d'andante – Allegro vivace

This short, almost enigmatic work demonstrates in concentrated form how Beethoven was becoming ready to challenge and even subvert the sonata structures he inherited from Haydn and Mozart. Its overall structure is possibly unique in Beethoven's works, comprising just a pair of fast sonata-form movements, each with a slow introduction.

Both movements recall the long-established convention of a slow introduction to a brisk main section in sonata form, but with significant modifications. In the first movement the introductory portion entirely lacks the portentousness of a conventional slow introduction, consisting of a brief elegiac theme repeated several times without change of key and largely unvaried; it concludes with an elaborate cadence in C major that is then contradicted by the sonata portion being in the relative minor, largely avoiding the key of C major except at the opening of the development.

The second movement opens more in the manner of a traditional slow introduction, and eventually leads to a sonata-form portion in the 'correct' key of C. However, before this point is reached, the opening material of the sonata reappears for a final, almost ecstatic variation; a procedure paralleled elsewhere in Beethoven's work only in the drama of the fifth and ninth symphonies.

## **Sonata for Cello and Piano in G minor, Op. 19**

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

Sergei Rachmaninoff (born Semyonovo, April 1, 1873; died Beverly Hills, March 28, 1943) dedicated his only cello sonata to the eminent Russian cellist Anatoly Brandukov, who gave the first performance of the work, with Rachmaninoff at the piano, in Moscow on December 2, 1901. Fourteen years older than Rachmaninoff, Brandukov never-the-less had become an excellent friend and colleague and had served as the pianist's groomsman in his marriage to Natalya Satina.

In January 1892, Brandukov and Rachmaninoff gave their first concert together, the first of many appearances they would make as chamber music partners. A composer himself, Brandukov always generously supported Rachmaninoff's music.

In 1900 Rachmaninoff suffered a serious crisis of self-confidence in his abilities as a composer. His first composition upon recovery was this *Sonata for Cello and Piano*. At the peak of his powers when he wrote the sonata, Rachmaninoff could not know that this would be his last chamber music work.

The sonata that Rachmaninoff wrote for his friend makes an excellent measure of Brandukov's talents. This large, powerful work penetrates to the core of the cello's capabilities for expressiveness, lyricism, and drama.

The first tones of the piece, an upward-moving half-step in the cello's middle register, act as the germ of a tentative, suspenseful introduction. Hesitantly, supported by the piano, the cello gathers its thoughts, preparing to tell its story. One last sigh, an exhale, and it begins. The sonata's story is richly colored and passionate, a grand statement for the cello's voice, with a piano part of concerto proportions. In the second chapter of the story, the rambunctious scherzo alternates with lyrical passages of great tenderness, a tenderness that becomes even more sublime in the *Andante*, when the two instruments join in intimate conversation. Together they tell an unforgettable tale, which after two grand climaxes finds a magically spun resolution. The fourth movement, *Allegro moss* reaffirms the truth of the story's emotions and celebrates their endurance.

## About the Artists

**Charae Krueger** is Principal Cellist for the Atlanta Opera Orchestra and the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. She is the Cello Artist-In-Residence at Kennesaw State University and performs with the Summit Piano Trio and KSU Faculty String Trio.

Ms. Krueger is a regular featured artist at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in North Carolina, the North Georgia Chamber Music Festival and the Grand Tetons Music Festival in Wyoming. Her solo and chamber music recitals have often been featured on WABE Radio Atlanta.

**Stanley Yerlow**, pianist, has performed many solo recitals in Carnegie Recital Hall, concerts at Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall, the Museum of the City of New York, and the Norton Series in West Palm Beach, Florida. A Steinway Artist, Yerlow performs classical and cabaret programs as a headliner on cruise ships throughout North America, Europe, South America, and the Middle East.

Celebrating over twenty years as Regis Philbin's Musical Director and Conductor, Stanley Yerlow directs a twenty-two piece orchestra for their sold-out concerts in the United States and Canada. Along with Philbin, Yerlow has taught piano to notable names such as Tony Roberts and Elaine May. A native of Atlanta, Dr. Yerlow resides in New York where he keeps a busy schedule teaching and performing.

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