

# Elmar Oliveira Master Class

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

2019-2020 Season

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Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30 p.m.

Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

## **Program**

Sonata for Violin and Piano, No. 10 in G Major, Op. 96
Allegro moderato

Askar Salimdjanov, violin Feruza Dadabaeva, piano Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

Concerto for Violin in e minor, Op. 64

Allegretto non troppo – Allegro molto vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Francesa Puro, violin Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano

Concerto for Violin in D Major, Op. 77

Allegro non troppo

Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)

David Mersereau, violin Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano

Concerto for Violin, No. 4 in D Major, K. 218

Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Sebastian Orellana, violin Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano

Sonata for Violin and Piano, No. 1 in G Major, Op. 78 Vivace ma non troppo

> Ricardo Lemus, violin Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano

Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)

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### Elmar Oliveira

Elmar Oliveira is an American violinist whose remarkable combination of impeccable artistry and old- world elegance sets him apart as one of our most celebrated living artists. Oliveira remains the first and only American violinist to win the Gold Medal at Moscow's prestigious Tchaikovsky International Competition. He was the first violinist to receive the coveted Avery Fisher Prize and won First Prize at the Naumburg International Competition. Son of Portuguese immigrants. Oliveira was nine when he began studying the violin with his brother, John Oliveira and then attended the Hartt College of Music and the Manhattan School of Music. He holds honorary doctorates from both the Manhattan School of Music and Binghamton University. In 1997, the Prime Minister of Portugal awarded Elmar the country's highest civilian accolade, The Order of Santiago. Oliveira has performed regularly at the most prestigious international concert venues. He has played with orchestras including the Boston Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Colorado Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Helsinki Philharmonic, Leipzig Gewandhaus, London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic, Saint Louis Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Seattle Symphony, and the Zürich Tonhalle, He has also made extensive recital tours of North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. Oliveira's discography on Artek, Angel, SONY Masterworks, Vox, Delos, IMP, Naxos, Ondine and Melodiya ranges widely from Bach and Vivaldi to the contemporary. His best-selling recording of the Rautavaara Violin Concerto with the Helsinki Philharmonic won a Cannes Classical Award and was chosen as Gramophone's "Editor's Choice". He also received Grammy nominations for his recordings of both the Barber Concerto with Leonard Slatkin and the Saint Louis Symphony and the Bloch and Benjamin Lees Violin Concertos under the baton of John McGlaughlin Williams. Other recording highlights include the Brahms and Saint-Saëns concertos with Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony, the Joachim Concerto with the London Philharmonic, the complete Brahms sonatas with Jorge Federico Osorio and the rarely heard Respighi and Pizzetti sonatas with pianist Robert Koenig. Two projects of particular historical significance are a CD book set released by violin dealers Bein & Fushi, with Oliveira showcasing thirty exquisite Stradivaris and Guarneri del Gesús, and then a CD of short pieces highlighting the Library of Congress Collection of rare violins on Biddulph Recordings. In 2016, Elmar Oliveira founded the Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition (EOIVC)—only the second such competition dedicated to the violin in the United States. The competition, takes place every three years, is open to any violinist of any nationality between the ages of 16-32 and offers not only cash prizes, but concerts and career support as well. The next competition will take place at the Lynn Conservatory of Music, where Elmar Oliveira is Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, January 14 - January 26, 2020. The Finals of the inaugural competition in 2017 garnered more than 1.5 million views across multiple social media platforms, which speaks to the relevance and importance of this competition. Additionally, Elmar Oliveira has founded the John Oliveira String Competition, an internal competition at the Lynn Conservatory of Music which is a yearly competition open to all string students at the school. The competition was founded in memory of Elmar Oliveira's late brother, the violinist John Oliveira. Oliveira is passionate about expanding the role and repertoire of the violin as well as championing contemporary music and unjustly neglected works. He is a devoted teacher and promoter of young artists, and also keenly supports the art of contemporary violin and bow making.



Welcome to the 2019-2020 season which marks the 20th Anniversary of the Lynn Conservatory of Music. As we celebrate our twenty years of making music we also celebrate the generosity of Elaine J. Wold who has challenged us to raise \$500,000 in new endowment donations this year. She will match all your gifts up to \$500,000. This gift ensures our place among the premier conservatories of the world and a staple of our community. We look forward to seeing you at many of the anniversary concerts and events planned for this year as the talent students, successful alumni and extraordinary faculty of the Lynn Conservatory share with you the beautiful world of music. – Jon Robertson, dean

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