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# Faculty Recital Series: Four Great Pieces for Viola and Piano, October 4, 2011

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**Boston University College of Fine Arts**  
**School of Music**  
presents

**Faculty Recital Series**  
**Four Great Pieces for Viola & Piano**

Michael Zaretsky, viola  
with guest artist Alina Polyakov, piano

**Tuesday**

**October 4, 2011**

**8:00pm**

**Tsai Performance Center**

Founded in 1873, the **School of Music** combines the intimacy and intensity of conservatory training with a broadly based, traditional liberal arts education at the undergraduate level and intense coursework at the graduate level. The school offers degrees in performance, composition and theory, musicology, music education, collaborative piano, historical performance, as well as a certificate program in its Opera Institute, and artist and performance diplomas.

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**Boston University College of Fine Arts  
School of Music**

Faculty Recital Series

October 4, 2011

The 7<sup>th</sup> concert in the 2011-12 season

Tsai Performance Center

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

*Marchebilder* (Fairy Tale Pictures) Four Pieces for viola  
and piano, op. 113

Nicht schnell (Not Fast)

Lebhaft (Lively)

Rasch (Quick)

Langsam, mit melancholischem Ausdruck

(Slowly, with Melancholic Expression)

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

Sonata No. 2 in E flat for viola and piano, op. 120, No. 2

Allegro amabile

Allegro appassionato

Andante con moto - Allegro

~Intermission~

Mikhail Glinka  
(1804-1857)

Sonata for viola and piano

Allegro moderato

Larghetto ma non troppo

Dmitri Shostakovich  
(1906-1975)

Sonata for viola and piano, op. 147

Moderato

Allegretto

Adagio

## Michael Zaretsky

Born in the former Soviet Union, violist Michael Zaretsky graduated from the Moscow State Conservatory cum laude. He began his career as a member of the Moscow Philharmonic String Quartet and the Moscow Radio and TV Symphony Orchestra. In 1972, he immigrated to Israel and became principal viola of the Jerusalem Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra and a soloist of Radio Israel. The following year he played for Leonard Bernstein, who brought him to Tanglewood, where he successfully auditioned for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Besides being a longtime member of the BSO, Mr. Zaretsky regularly plays solo recitals and chamber music; he has appeared with such leading artists as Yuri Bashmet, Yefim Bronfman, Emanuel Ax, and Vadim Repin as well as colleagues from the BSO. As a soloist, he has appeared with the Boston Pops, Rhode Island Philharmonic, and Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. A faculty member at Boston University and the Longy School of Music, he regularly performs in the U.S. and abroad. He recently performed and discussed the six Bach cello suites in Athens, Greece at the invitation of the American College of Greece. Mr. Zaretsky's six recordings for ARTONA, reviewed favorably in such magazines as Gramophone, The Strad, American Record Guide, and Fanfare, include an album of Russian music for viola and piano; music of J.S., C.P.E., and W.F. Bach; music of Brahms and Schumann; Bach's six cello suites performed on viola; and Hindemith's Sonatas for unaccompanied viola, and, with Xak Bjerken, viola with piano. Besides the traditional viola repertoire, Mr. Zaretsky performs an extensive repertoire of new music. His collaboration with composer Jakov Jakoulov has resulted in many new works for viola with piano, harpsichord, or orchestra. Film composer and Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams wrote his Duo concertante for Mr. Zaretsky and BSO violinist Victor Romanul, dedicating it to Mr. Zaretsky. The pair premiered the work at Tanglewood in summer 2007. Their acclaimed recording of this and other duos for violin and viola was released in fall 2008. Mr. Zaretsky also performed Williams's Viola Concerto in summer 2010 with the Peninsula Music Festival Orchestra led by conductor Victor Yampolsky.

## Alina Polyakov

Alina Polyakov was born in the Ukraine in the former Soviet Union. She holds both master's and doctoral degrees from the Gnessin's Conservatory in Moscow. Her principal teachers were Emil Gilels, Yuri Petrov and Leonid Brumberg. Ms. Polyakov has performed with the Gnessin's Conservatory Orchestra and has performed extensively in the former Soviet Union. Ms. Polyakov's performance experience encompasses solo recitals and orchestral appearances, chamber music, and recital accompaniment throughout the United State, Europe, and the former Soviet Union.

In 1989, Ms. Polyakov immigrated to the United States. Since then she has been on the faculty of Gordon College, Atlantic Union College and the Boston Conservatory. She has directed piano master classes at the Vienna Conservatory and University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, and has played recitals throughout Europe. Ms. Polyakov performed with the New England String Ensemble with Federico Cortese at Jordan Hall and in 2008, had a solo appearance with the Gordon Symphony Orchestra performing Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto with James Buswell. She played at the Rockport Music Festival as part of a piano duo with

Mia Chung.

Ms. Polyakov intensively performs with musicians from Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Boston's Symphony Hall, Jordan Hall, Harvard University, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, and Tsai Center at Boston University. She has also performed solo at Brandeis University, Gordon College and the Goethe Institute. Ms. Polyakov's performances have been aired throughout metropolitan Boston on WGBH Radio 89.7 and WHDH-TV.

As a member of the Rachmaninov Trio, Ms. Polyakov has performed extensively throughout the United Kingdom and the United States. The trio has performed at such venues as Hutchenson's Hall, the Royal Academy of Music and St. Andrews University. The Glasgow Herald wrote: "It was Polyakov's unpretentious virtuosity that seemed to bind the trio together. Her playing was generous and masterful, never dominating the ensemble, never holding back when it mattered."

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Thursday, October 6, 8:00pm

**Faculty Recital Series**  
*The Art of the Sonata, Part III*  
Terry Everson, trumpet  
Shiela Kibbe, piano  
*Tsai Performance Center*

Friday, October 7, 8:00pm

**Arneis Quartet**  
with Marc Johnson, cello  
*Concert Hall*

Saturday, October 8, 8:00pm

**Boston University Concert Chorus**  
Daniel Peterson and  
Michael Barrett, conductors  
*Marsh Chapel*

Sunday, October 9, 8:00pm

**ALEA III**  
*29th International Composition Competition*  
Theodore Antoniou, conductor  
*Tsai Performance Center*

Friday, October 7, 8:00pm

Saturday October 8, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

Sunday, October 9, 2:00pm

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