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Guest Recital: Govorov and De Groot Duo

Sergei Govorov, saxophone

Britta De Groot, piano

7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17, 2025

Chamber Music Hall (S102)

PROGRAM

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Sonata in G minor, BWV 1020

Johann Sebastian Bach

- I. Allegro
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro

Histoire du Tango - Bordel 1900

Astor Piazzolla

Fuzzy Bird Sonata

Takashi Yoshimatsu

- I. Run, Bird
- II. Sing, Bird
- III. Fly, Bird

Dance of Zalongo

Bruce Klepper

Three Preludes

George Gershwin

- I. Allegro ben ritmato e deciso
- II. Andante con moto
- III. Agitato

Fantaisie Brilliante on themes from *Carmen*

François Borne / G. Bizet

Take Five

Paul Desmond

Caravan

Juan Tizol

ABOUT THE DUO

Breaking barriers in conceptions of both saxophone music and classical music, the newly formed duo Govorov and De Groot are already captivating audiences with their energetic cross-cultural performances.

With an extensive and varied career, sought-after Russian saxophonist Sergei Govorov emerged in the United States in late 2022 after being forced to flee his country due to the ongoing war. With a storied 25-plus year career, Govorov made his musical mark early, winning the Grand Prix at the Vyacheslav Shchelokov competition at age 14. Not long after, he was invited to study with the prominent classical saxophonist Margarita Shaposhnikova. During his studies, he began touring throughout Russia and, before fleeing Russia, was one of the country's most well-known saxophonists. With distinction as a Yamaha Artist, Govorov was selected to perform at the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in 2011, where such renowned musicians as Billy Idol, Norah Jones, Diana Krall, and Quincy Jones were also performing. Now, having recently received an EB-1A visa—a green card for people with extraordinary abilities—Govorov is delighted to bring his unique and entertaining saxophone music to American audiences with the collaboration of a young and rising American pianist Britta De Groot.

De Groot recently completed a master's degree in piano performance under renowned instructor of piano, David Korevaar. She has been praised for bringing high energy and enthusiasm to her performances as a classical piano soloist and collaborator. Govorov and De Groot launched their duo in 2023 and have performed more than 30 concerts along the Front Range area, where they are based, and have also been privileged to share their music with a wide-array of audiences from the rugged mountains of Montana to the vibrant streets of New York. Coming from two highly distinctive nations, the duo is passionate about building alliances for peace through the universal language of music. The duo invites audiences to enjoy their performances, which consist of a dynamic blend of classical selections as well as classical-fusion and repertoire from more popular genres.

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