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The mission of the **University of Colorado Boulder College of Music** is to inspire artistry and discovery, together.



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College of Music's Faculty Tuesdays series celebrates 22 years of community-focused music making

By Ally Dever

CU Boulder's College of Music has been offering free, live faculty performances to the Boulder community for more than two decades.

As part of the long-running Faculty Tuesdays series, professional musicians in the college play concerts every Tuesday during the fall and spring semesters, offering students and community members the opportunity to experience firsthand the renowned talent housed right here on campus.

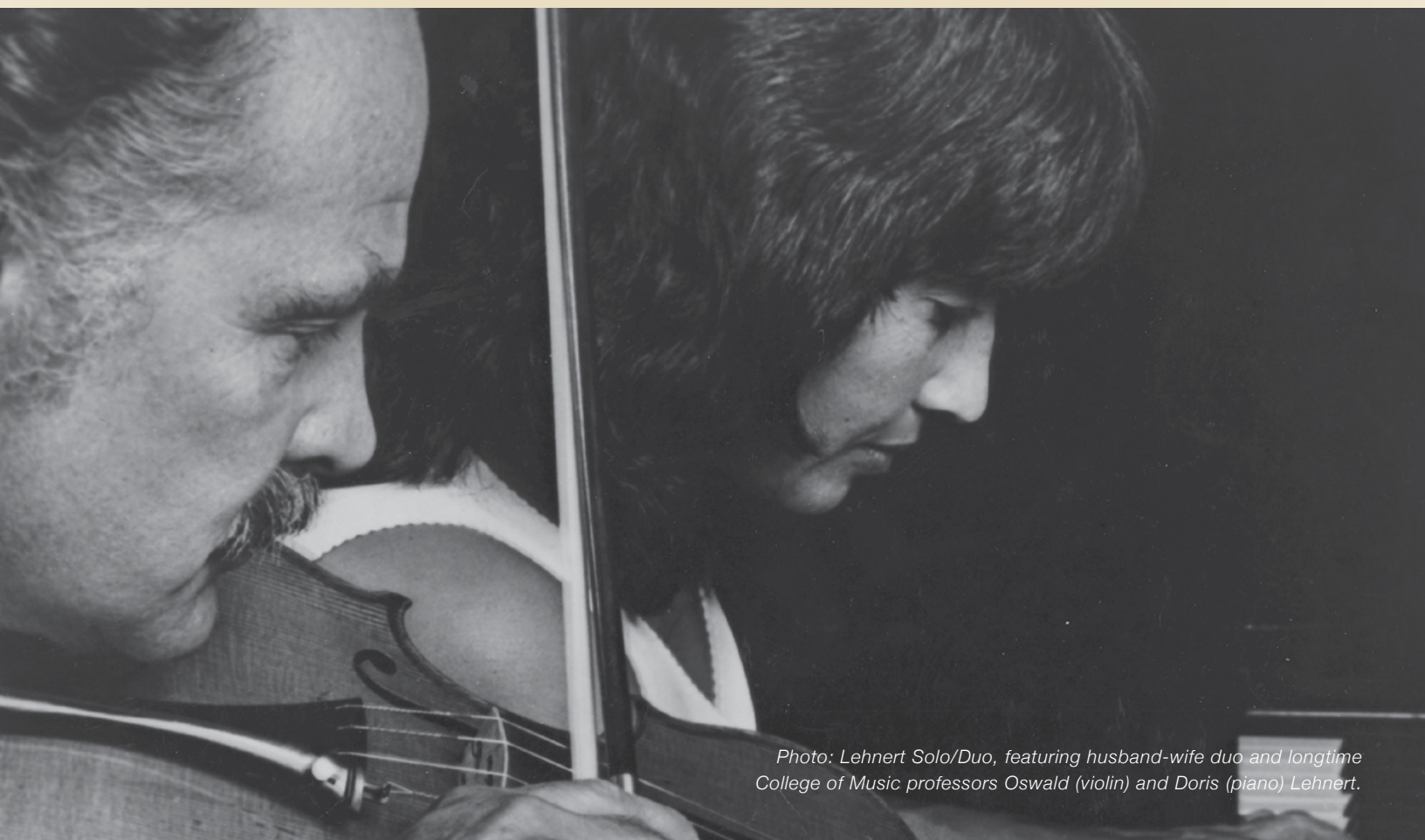


Photo: Lehnert Solo/Duo, featuring husband-wife duo and longtime College of Music professors Oswald (violin) and Doris (piano) Lehnert.

Daniel Sher, former College of Music Dean, and Joan McLean Braun, assistant dean for concerts and communications and executive director of CU Presents, started the popular Faculty Tuesdays series in 1999. “With this series, the College of Music launched something unique,” Sher said. “There really wasn’t a formal approach to faculty recitals at other schools and colleges at the time.”

But word of the first-of-its-kind series quickly spread to other universities. Sher routinely attended several conferences and roundtables for music deans and directors across the country, and found many of his colleagues at other institutions were inspired by Faculty Tuesdays. Some even expressed interest in similar programs of their own.

“Music deans at other schools would ask how we got such a large audience to the concerts and how we got faculty to participate,” he said.

Since then, several music schools across the country have instituted similar programs, like Yale’s Faculty Artist Series, Arizona State University’s ASU in Concert Series and Michigan State University’s Faculty Recital Series.

Craft and collaboration

Distinguished Professor of Piano David Korevaar has been a frequent performer at Faculty Tuesdays since its inception, participating in over 70 individual performances.

As a world-renowned professional musician who has performed throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Central and South America, Korevaar believes Faculty Tuesdays offers something special.

“This is one of the best audiences I play for anywhere in the world,” Korevaar said. “And as performers, that’s what musicians are all about.”

For faculty, the series has served as a platform to practice their craft. It provides them with an appreciative audience and a free venue to try out their material before they take it on the road—an opportunity that’s not offered to most professional musicians.

And, by allowing performers to schedule their slots in advance, it also inspires faculty to plan collaborative performances with colleagues in different departments, bringing a new dimension to the weekly performances.

“With the introduction of Faculty Tuesdays, our professors were less siloed and began to appreciate one another, and learn more about the artistry and abilities of their colleagues,” Sher said.

“It contributed significantly to the climate of collaboration that the college enjoys today and elevated the mutual respect and admiration between our faculty members.”

Unlike other concerts, attendees don't have to drive far and pay expensive fees to hear professional quality music.

Chris Brauchli, a violinist and longtime donor to the College of Music, has attended Faculty Tuesday performances since the series' inception.

"The quality and level of the talent continues to blossom, and it makes the concerts superb," he said. "It's a real treat for people who live here to be able to hear these performances for free on a weekly basis."

The College of Music relies on community donations to continue to host Faculty Tuesdays.

To encourage others to donate, Brauchli has been known for his "magic envelope" bit on occasional Tuesday events. Formerly inserted in each hardcopy program, there was an envelope for voluntary donations.*

"As a joke, I've pointed out that attendees can tear it off, throw it away and it becomes trash," he said. "Or, they can put money inside, mail it back to the college and it becomes gold."

With the College of Music's move to digital programs, **give here to add your support for the Faculty Tuesdays series.*

Guest Artist Recital

Willis Delony, piano

With:

John Gunther, saxophone

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021

Grusin Music Hall

Polonaise-Fantasie, Op. 61

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Between the Notes

Willis Delony

Images, Bk I

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

- I. Reflet dans l'eau
- II. Hommage à Rameau
- III. Mouvement

Summer Waltz

Willis Delony

—Intermission—

Images, Bk. II

Claude Debussy

- I. Cloches a travers les feuilles
- II. Et la lune descend sur la temple qui fut
- III. Poissons d'or

Duo Selections with John Gunther

Program Notes

Pianist Willis Delony has always been pre-occupied with finding connections – actual, implied or maybe only imagined – between musical styles. In a professional career that spans more than four decades, he has gained acclaim as both a classical and jazz performer, commercial arranger and composer whose concerts and multiple recordings showcase varied interests. His concert at CU Boulder on October 13 explores these connections in a program including Chopin's Polonaise-Fantasy, an improvisatory masterpiece written near the end of the composer's life. Also on the program are both books of Debussy's *Images*. The six pieces included in these groundbreaking suites lush appeal perhaps disguise what Alex Ross describes as the radical “velvet revolution” his music represents. Alongside these keyboard masterworks are two of Delony's crossover compositions that explore the classical/jazz marriage: “Between the Notes” (the title track of his new album that will be released November 5) and “Summer Waltz” feature contemporary jazz harmony and rhythmic ideas as well as improvised sections, while also reflecting the pianistic traditions of 19th and 20th-century composers. To round out the program Delony will be joined by renowned saxophonist John Gunther of the CU Boulder faculty in an exciting jazz duo set.

About the performer

<https://www.lsu.edu/cmda/music/people/faculty/delony.php>

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