

Bach Festival Society OF WINTER PARK

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Violinist Midori and pianist Robert McDonald perform at the Bach Festival Society

Winter Park, FL Child prodigy, U.N. Peace Ambassador, and educator—violinist Midori could equally be described as any of these. This superstar violinist began her career at age 11 with the New York Philharmonic and continues to astound audiences today with her virtuosic playing. Midori, with pianist Robert McDonald, will perform a recital on the Bach Festival Society's Visiting Artists Series **Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m. in Tiedtke Concert Hall** on the Rollins College Campus. Midori's program with the Bach Festival Society will feature a variety of works ranging from traditional to modern, including works by Schumann, Beethoven, Cage, and Enescu.

Midori's reputation for excellence goes beyond the concert stage. In addition to her performances, she is a U.N Peace Ambassador and Chair of the Strings Department at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. Midori is the founder of three nonprofit organizations that focus on arts education and bringing classical music performances to small and underserved communities. Robert McDonald is an award-winning pianist who has performed internationally both as a soloist and as an accompanist with other celebrated musicians. He is currently on the faculty of the Juilliard School in New York.

The Bach Festival Society is partnering with the Orlando Museum of Art to bring audiences a new understanding of conceptual art with a **jointly sponsored lecture, Sunday, April 5 at 2**

p.m. titled “Provocative Pairings in Art and Music.” Composer John Cage proposed that the primary act of a musical performance was not making music but listening, and composed scores using chance procedures and alternative instruments. **Midori will be performing his piece *Six Melodies* on her recital with the Bach Festival Society.** Therman Statom is a glass installation artist who uses a nontraditional art medium and then takes it off the wall, encouraging the viewer to walk into it. Jan Clanton, associate curator of adult programs at the Orlando Museum of Art, will lead a thought-provoking discussion about conceptualism in art and music that concludes with a gallery walk of *Therman Statom: Stories from the New World*.

Performance Information

What: Midori and Robert McDonald

Where: Tiedtke Concert Hall on the Rollins College Campus, 1000 Holt Avenue, Winter Park

When: Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: Tickets are \$30 or \$40, depending on seat location. *Very limited seating still available.*

How: To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Box Office at 407.646.2182 or visit www.bachfestivalflorida.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance, subject to availability.

About the Bach Festival Society

The Bach Festival Society, located in Winter Park, Florida, is one of the longest continuously operating Bach Festivals in the country and among America’s great oratorio societies. The Bach Festival Society brings the highest caliber of classical music to Central Florida. Performances are held in the intimate settings of Tiedtke Concert Hall and Knowles Memorial Chapel on the beautiful campus of Rollins College.

For more information regarding the current season or to order tickets, please call the Bach Festival Society at 407.646.2182 or visit us online at www.bachfestivalflorida.org.

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