



Chopin Club
Providence, Rhode Island

Musicales

137th Anniversary Season

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Greetings from: Barbara Speer, President

Mary K. Hail Music Mansion
Providence, Rhode Island

Program

Piano Sonata No. 2, Concord.....Charles Ives (1874-1954)
Movement 3 "The Alcotts"

Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23.....Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

Rob McConeghy, piano

Piano Trio in F minor, Op. 65.....Antonin Dvorák (1841-1904)

Allegro ma non troppo
Allegretto grazioso
Poco Adagio
Finale: Allegro con brio

Barbara Speer, piano
Emily Chen, violin
Matthew Knippel, cello

Program Chair: Emily Anthony *Stage Manager:* Jacky Yang

Hospitality Committee:

Co-Chairpersons: Mimi and Jim DeCesaris

Deborah Concannon, Rayna Daley, Masako Fidler, Carol Greifer,
Joan Lusk, Jane Rankin, Rebecca Rosier, Lorraine Yaghoobian, Linda Zambrano

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Next Musicales: Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm • Mary K. Hail Music Mansion

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ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Pianist Rob **McConeghy**, a native of Providence, is a doctoral student studying Pharmaceoepidemiology at the University of Rhode Island. Prior to his current study with Dr. Manabu Takasawa, he was a student of Susan Kelley and an active member of the Chopin Student Musicians Club. He received bachelors degrees in Biology and Music History from the University of Chicago, where he sang in the University Choir and the Rhythm and Jews a cappella group.

Pianist **Barbara Speer** has enjoyed a lifelong concert career as solo pianist and chamber musician in performances at NYC major venues, including Lincoln Center, the Northeast, and Europe. She has collaborated with scores of distinguished artists, including the Emerson and Orion Quartets, Jamie Laredo, Yefim Bronfman, Michael Tree, and jazz legend Gerry Mulligan. In 1996, she was the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt “Woman in the Arts” Award. A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and The Juilliard School, she co-founded and directed the Sea Cliff Chamber Players, an award-winning chamber ensemble and conductorless chamber orchestra for 28 years. She co-founded the Nassau Country Chamber Music Workshop and presented *Piano Music with Commentary*. An NEA grant funded *New American Music* for Musical Heritage Society. NPR produced 13 live Sea Cliff Chamber Players’ concerts and she has appeared on PBS and and CBS-TV Evening News.

Violinist **Emily Chen**, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island in music education and violin performance, is one of the founding and managing members of La Bella Musica. Emily is one of the conductors for the South Kingstown Summer Strings Orchestra, the artistic director of the URI Summer Music Academy String Week Camp, the strings teacher at the Narragansett Public Schools, a private teacher at the Moses Brown School, the RI Philharmonic Music School, as well as having a studio of her own, a member of the Chopin Club, the concertmaster of the Narragansett Bay Symphony and South County Chamber Orchestra, a board member of the Kingston Chamber Music Festival, and is the music director for GEAR Productions.

Cellist and Bassist **Matthew Knippel** maintains an active performing schedule with solo and ensemble work at Brown University, Roger Williams University, Providence College, and Rhode Island College. Matthew attended Lawrence Conservatory, and the University of Minnesota where he studied with Rostropovich protégé Tanya Remenikova. He is currently principal cellist and vice president of the Narragansett Bay Symphony, and a former member of the South Dakota Symphony, Latin Sounds Orchestra, and principal cellist of the Southwestern Minnesota Orchestra. Very much an educator, Matthew sits on the RIMEA executive board and directs orchestras, choirs, and musicals at Lincoln School, Community Music Works, Community Strings Project, and has been selected as the NAFME All Eastern orchestra manager and as the 2015 and 2016 Junior All-State rehearsal conductor and conductor respectively.