



New Classical Music Series Launches at the Parrish Art Museum

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A new classical music series featuring an international line-up of award-winning musicians debuts on Friday at the Parrish Art Museum. The Salon Series will present six concerts on consecutive Friday evening. Programming for the series was developed with Concert Artists Guild and Pro Musicis.

The series debuts Friday, September 27, with a performance by Michael Brown. Concerts continue with pianist Steven Lin (Oct. 4); violinist Irina Muresanu (Oct. 11); pianist Liza Stepanova (Oct. 18); pianist Inna Faliks (Oct. 25); and pianist Nadejda Vlaeva (Nov. 1).

"The Salon Series offers a casual environment to experience and enjoy classical and contemporary music by a new generation of fresh, innovative master musicians," according to Parrish Director Terrie Sultan. Each performance will run approximately one hour, without intermission, and be followed by an opportunity to meet the artists."

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Steven Lin. Photo by Arthur Moeller.

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Through selections made by Concert Artists Guild and Pro Musicis, the new Salon Series will feature a combination of established professionals and those who are poised to embark on professional careers.

Concert Artists Guild provides support to a roster of talented artists during a critical and formative time- the space between the completion of their formal studies and the achievement of an established career. Artists are selected through a rigorous multi-round annual competition open to traditional and non-traditional instrumentalists, ensembles, and singers, according to CAG. They were founded in 1951 with a mission to discover, nurture, and promote young musicians. Since then, CAG has helped several hundred young musicians begin careers.

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Inna Faliks.

The mission of Pro Musicis is to nurture and share the artistic inspiration of the world's finest concert artists. Founded in 1969, Pro Musicis has bestowed the Pro Musicis International Award on 100 concert artists and presented them in over 2,000 concerts worldwide. Many of these artists have gone on to internationally acclaimed careers.

In order to win the Pro Musicis International Award, each musician must successfully demonstrate to a distinguished jury exceptional technical ability, extensive classical training, an unusual ability to communicate with an audience, and the potential for a world-class career.



Irina Muresanu.

The Salon Series at the Parrish begins on Friday (Sept. 26) with a concert by pianist Michael Brown. Both a composer and a pianist, Brown takes a creative approach to programming, interweaving the classics with contemporary works and his own compositions. The program will include one of Brown's original composition and pieces by Beethoven, Schubert, and maverick twentieth-century Catalan composer Federico Mompou.

The New York Times declared Brown "a young piano visionary," praising him for "a magnificent performance" and a "powerful technique and a vivid imagination." Noted for his "great confidence and rhythmic flair" by *Gramophone*, Brown is the First Prize Winner of the 2010 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition.

Brown has performed at Alice Tully Hall as a soloist with the Julliard Orchestra under New York Philharmonic Music Director Alan Gilbert. He also performed there in a solo recital as winner of the 2012 Julliard William Petschek Piano Debut Recital Award.

Brown has performed on four continents and in major venues including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Michael Brown. Photo by Jamie Beck.

The Parrish Art Museum began presenting live music as a regular part of its programming this summer. Classical music made its first appearance at the Parrish's new Water Mill home in August when it hosted two concerts for the Southampton Arts Festival. A few months earlier, the Parrish launched two live music summer series that took place on alternating Fridays outside on the museum's terrace. East End or Busk presented select musicians from the MTA's Subway Performance series. Jazz en Plein Air presented a diverse range of musicians incorporating jazz as part of their repertoire.

The new Salon Series will be held on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Parrish Art Museum. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for Parrish Members. The Café by Art of Eating will be open for guests who wish refreshments before or after the concert.



Nadejda Vlaeva.

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BASIC FACTS: The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

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