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Artist-Faculty & Guest Recital Series

Viola Sonatas: Schumann and Brahms

Eric Nowlin, viola
Eric Zuber, piano

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70 — Robert Schumann (1810–1856)

Märchenbilder, Op. 113
- Nicht schnell
- Lebhaft
- Rasch
- Langsam, mit melancholischen Ausdruck

Intermission

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1 — Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
- Allegro appassionato
- Andante un poco adagio
- Allegretto grazioso
- Vivace

ARTIST FACULTY BIOS

Violist **Eric Nowlin** has performed extensively throughout the United States as well as abroad. Eric's performance of Berlioz' *Harold in Italy* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conductor Leonard Slatkin was described by Classical Source as "outstanding... his distinctive timbre and sovereign musicianship at one with Slatkin's perfectly paced account... totally compelling."

Past accomplishments include receiving second prize in the prestigious Walter W. Naumburg Competition; first prize in the Irving Klein International String Competition; first prize in the Hellam Young Artists Competition; grand prize in the Naftzger Young Artists Competition; and winner of the Juilliard Viola Concerto Competition. Performances have included solo engagements with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Symphony in Missouri, Santa Cruz Symphony, Peninsula Symphony, and the Kumamoto Symphony in Japan, as well as recitals in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Toronto, and Mexico.

Eric is Assistant Professor of Viola at Michigan State University and has previously been Assistant Professor on the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, as well as Instructor of Viola at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

He received his Bachelor and Master degrees from The Juilliard School as a scholarship student of Samuel Rhodes. Eric plays on a 1757 J.B. Guadagnini viola on generous loan from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

ARTIST FACULTY BIOS (cont.)

Hailed as “irresistibly fluid” and “illuminating” by the New York Times and Cleveland Plain Dealer, **Eric Zuber** has been established as one of the leading American pianists of his generation. He has been a recipient of prizes from major international piano competitions including Arthur Rubinstein, Cleveland, Seoul, Sydney, and Dublin. He was also awarded Gold Medals in both the Hilton Head and USASU Bösendorfer International Piano Competitions and is a Laureate of the American Pianists Association Classical Fellowship Awards.

After making his orchestral debut at the age of twelve with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, he has performed with many of the major orchestras in the United States and abroad including Cleveland, Israel, Indianapolis, Minnesota, and the Royal Philharmonic. Dr. Zuber has also made solo appearances at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Hall, the Sydney Opera House, Seoul Arts Center, Severance Hall, and for the International Keyboard Institute and Festival in New York City.

Born in Baltimore, Dr. Zuber received degrees from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University (B.M., A.D., D.M.A.), the Juilliard School (M.M.) and the Curtis Institute (Diploma) where he studied with Boris Slutsky, Leon Fleisher, Claude Frank, and Robert McDonald. He is currently serving as Assistant Professor of Piano at Michigan State University.

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- **Pat and Mary McPharlin** (Collage Concert- A 20th Anniversary Celebration)
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- **Dr. Robert W. Uphaus and Dr. Lois M. Rosen** (Concert Orchestra, Oct. 8; America at 250, Dec 5; Berlinsky, Feb. 10; Bagratuni, Mar. 17; Lam/Khristenko, Mar. 22; Bagratuni/Jang, Mar. 30)
- **Linn Van Dyne and Mike Knox** (Happy Birthday Mozart!)
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Worthington Family Foundation Opera Theatre Season
11/18 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
11/19 Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
11/21 Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
11/22 Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium $$$

11/22 Sunday
Spartan Youth Wind Symphony and Wind Symphony
7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center $

11/23 Monday
Symphony Orchestra, "Fire and Flourish"
7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center $

11/24 Tuesday
Symphony Band
7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center $

11/30 Monday
Trombone Ensembles
7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium $

12/1 Tuesday
Viridis and Campus Choir
7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium $

12/2 Wednesday
Mosaic and Singing Spartans
7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium $

12/3 Thursday (piano recital)
Artist-Faculty and Guest Recital Series
Piano Duo: Elegant Transcriptions
Stanislav Khristenko and Martin Labazevitch
7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building $

12/5 Saturday (chamber recital)
Artist-Faculty and Guest Recital Series
America at 250 - Music Icons
7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building $

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$$$ $24 Adults, $22 Seniors, $14 Students and those under age 18.
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