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## Young stars to perform with masters in Chagrin

The Chagrin Valley Chamber Music Concert Series will host "Rising Stars and Their Masters" for a free chamber music concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Valley Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls.

It will feature world-known violinist Taras Gabora and Oberlin Conservatory piano faculty member Sedmara Zakarian-Rutstein, who will perform Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in D minor with Melody Yuan and Chan Lee, two winners of Russia's Yankelevich Violin Competition.

A native of Canada, Mr. Gabora has performed throughout the world and is a founding member of Trio Tre Musici of Milan, Chamber Music Chicago, Le Groupe Baroque de Montreal, Vienna Academy String Quartet and the Gabora String Quartet. He has represented the United States and Canada on juries of national and international competitions, including the Tchaikovsky International Competition in Russia and the Sarasate International Competition in Bilbao, Spain.

A graduate of the Vienna Academy of Music who studied under Ernst Morawec, Mr. Gabora's teaching career has included posts at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, McGill University in Montreal, Conservatoire de Montreal, St. Louis Conservatory of Music and the Vancouver Academy of Music.

Born and raised in the former Soviet Union, Ms. Zakarian-Rutstein was a child prodigy who began playing at the age of 5 and attended Leningrad's Special Music School for Gifted Children. She completed her studies at the Leningrad Conservatory of Music with the Professor Nadezhda Golubovskaya. She is a tenured profes-

sor at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Her repertoire spans the early 18th to late 20th centuries, and she has been a pioneer in the complete cycle of Bach's "The Art of Fuge," which she later recorded on both piano and harpsichord.

Last March, at the age of 11, Melody Yuan was awarded first prize in the Yankelevich International Violin Competition. She began playing violin in China at 5 and relocated to Vancouver at age 8 to study with Taras Gabora. This summer, she was chosen to participate in and perform with the Casalmaggiore International Festival in Italy.

At the age of 15, Chan Lee was second prize winner of the junior division of the 2009 Yankelevich International Violin Competition. He also won the Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra's concerto competition and now serves as its concertmaster. Performances of note include solo and chamber music appearances with the Casalmaggiore International Festival in Italy and the closing gala concert for the Yankelevich International Violin Competition.

"It is very inspiring for internationally recognized musicians to perform with up-and-coming talent," said Hristo Popov, artistic director for the Chagrin Valley Music Concert Series. "This collaboration perfectly fits our mission of sharing free, stellar performances with the Chagrin Valley community while inspiring a future generation of musicians."

For additional information about the free concert on Dec. 4 or the complete concert series, call (440) 247-0390. Valley Lutheran Church is at 87 E. Orange St.



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