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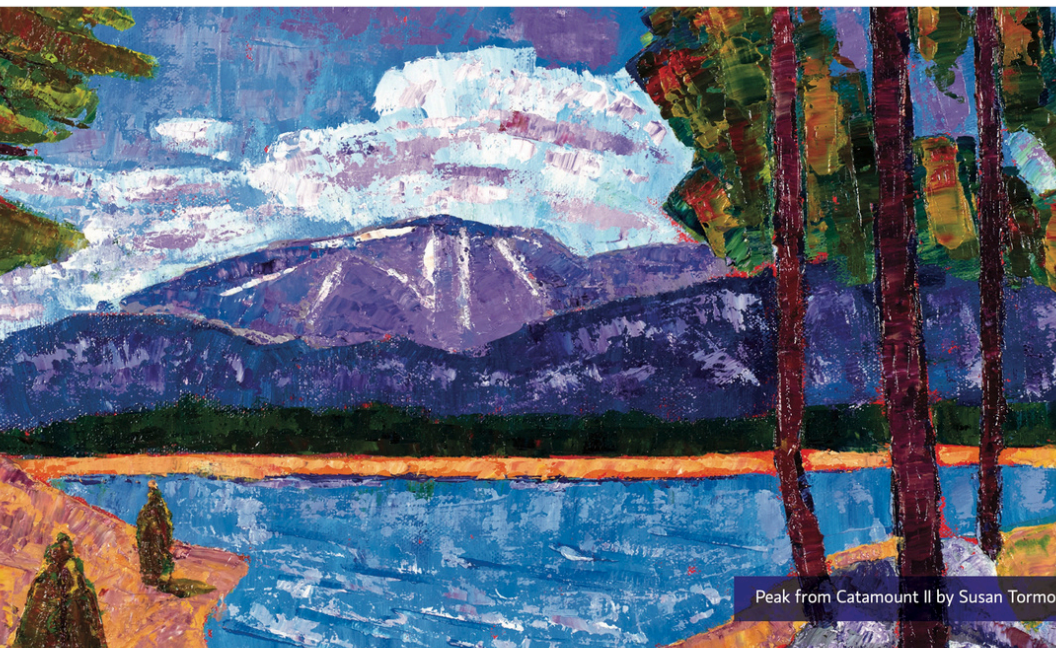
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**Ent Center
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**Ent Center for the Arts, Chapman Foundations Recital Hall
Friday, February 21st, 2025, 7pm**

Performed by:
Ieva Jokubaviciute piano | Sophie Shao cello
Sergei Vassiliev clarinet
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Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875- 1912)

Variations for cello and piano

Moderato - Vivace - Allegro

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

*Silent Woods for cello and
piano*

15 Minute Break (Time for a refill)

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

*Trio for clarinet, cello and
piano*

1. Allegro con brio
2. Adagio
3. Tema con Variazioni

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**Production by Larry Jones, Sergei Vassiliev, Chris Doiron
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Mar 1, 7:00PM • Mar 2, 2:30PM
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The last time he came to Colorado Springs, Lun Li filled in on just days' notice for an injured soloist. It was one of the best concerts we've ever performed.

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Lithuanian pianist **Ieva Jokubaviciute's** powerfully and intricately crafted performances have earned her critical acclaim throughout North America and Europe. Her ability to communicate the essential substance of a work has led critics to describe her as possessing 'razor-sharp intelligence and wit' and 'subtle, complex, almost impossibly detailed and riveting in every way' (The Washington Post) and as 'an artist of commanding technique, refined temperament and persuasive insight.' (The New York Times). In 2006, she was honored as a recipient of a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship. Labor Records released Ieva's debut recording in 2010 to critical international acclaim, which resulted in recitals in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, DC, Vilnius, and Toulouse. She made her orchestral **debuts with the Chicago Symphony**; in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; with the American Youth Philharmonic in 2016, and in February 2017, Ieva was the soloist with the Orquesta Filarmónica de Montevideo in Uruguay. **Her piano trio—Trio Cavatina—won the 2009 Naumburg International Chamber Music Competition.** Ieva's latest recording: Returning Paths: solo piano works by Janacek and Suk was also released to critical acclaim in 2014.



Cellist **Sophie Shao**, winner of the prestigious **Avery Fisher Career Grant and top prizes at the Rostropovich and Tchaikovsky competitions**, is a versatile and passionate artist whose performances the New York Times has described as "eloquent, powerful," the LA Times noted as "impressive" and the Washington Post called "deeply satisfying." Shao has appeared as soloist to critical acclaim throughout the United States and has commissioned Howard Shore's cello concerto Mythic Gardens, performing the premiere with Leon Botstein and the American Symphony Orchestra, the UK premiere with Keith Lockhart and the BBC Concert Orchestra, and European premiere with Ludwig Wicki and the 21st Century Orchestra. She also premiered Richard Wilson's The Cello Has Many Secrets and Shih-Hui Chen's multimedia concerto Our Son is Not Coming Home to Dinner. **Shao has appeared as soloist throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, with the Houston Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, and Pacific Symphony.**



Sergei Vassiliev is the founder and executive director of EPIC Concerts. He has served as principal clarinetist with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Orchestra since 2009. A versatile musician, Sergei has appeared throughout the US and Europe as a soloist, chamber musician, and clinician. He has performed chamber music at festivals like Chatter, Festival Mozaic and Colorado College Music Festival. Sergei held principal clarinet positions with the Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra and Boise Philharmonic, performed as guest principal at the Music in the Mountains Festival, and has collaborated with the Houston, Colorado Symphonies, and many other orchestras. In 2019, he was honored to be featured in the Colorado Springs Philharmonic's "Signature Series" as both artistic director and soloist. Sergei is a D'Addario artist.

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ORIGINS OF A LEGEND: BERNSTEIN'S CLARINET SONATA | MARCH 28 - 7pm



Dive into the fascinating journey of Leonard Bernstein's early years with a performance of his first published work, the Clarinet Sonata. This special concert features Sergei Vassiliev, whose clarinet playing the Colorado Springs Gazette calls "flawless," alongside crowd favorite Andrew Staupe, known for his "immaculate artistry" (Minneapolis Star Tribune). The evening will also feature works by Saint-Saens among other gems.

QUARTET FOR THE END OF TIME | MAY 23 - 7pm



Experience the monumental Quartet for the End of Time, a seminal work by Olivier Messiaen that first premiered in a German prisoner-of-war camp on January 15, 1941. This remarkable piece, known for its profound emotional depth, will be the highlight of our 5th Season Finale. Plus, witness this one-time-only performance featuring an exceptional lineup of musicians, including Gabby Diaz, the newest member of the Grammy Award-winning Kronos Quartet.

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