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EPIC 2023- 2024 SEASON
 UNDERPLAYED MASTERPIECES
 SEPTEMBER 8TH, 7PM, 2023
 ENT CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT UCCS



Welcome to EPIC. Whether this is your first concert or you are a regular subscriber, we're so glad you're here!

Welcome to our EPIC season kickoff in our new home - the Ent Center for the Arts at UCCS!

Prepare to be transported through time and space by the incredible talent of Violinist Gabriela Díaz, praised as a "young violin master," Pianist Ieva Jokubaviciute, described as "elegant and engaging" by the Wall Street Journal, and Clarinetist Sergei Vassiliev, lauded as "flawless" by the Colorado Springs Gazette.

The carefully curated program includes Trio by Darius Milhaud, Soldier's Tale by Stravinsky, Elfentanz by Florence Price, and the groundbreaking Berg Four Pieces for clarinet and piano. Let yourself be captivated by this unforgettable night of music.

As always at EPIC Concerts, performers will interact with the audience and answer your questions.

It's not too late to subscribe for the rest of the 2023-24 EPIC season, and I sincerely hope that you will consider joining us as a season subscriber! You can subscribe to the rest of the season today for just \$195 and save. In addition, as a season subscriber you get an exclusive CD of our Greatest Hits from 22-23 season, guaranteed seats, and of course you can give away or exchange tickets to individual concerts as much as you need. The music, as always, will be tastefully varied and masterfully performed and all at the Ent Center's perfect acoustics.

Sergei Vassiliev, EPIC Artistic Director.



Lithuanian pianist **Ieva Jokubaviciute**'s powerful and intricate performances have earned her 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*). The *Wall Street Journal* has described her as 'elegant and engaging.' She is a recipient of a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship.

Ieva's degrees are from the Curtis Institute and Mannes College of Music in New York City under teachers Seymour Lipkin and Richard Goode. She is Associate Professor of the Practice of Piano at Duke, is on the faculty at the Kneisel Hall Chamber Music School and Festival in ME and is a mentoring artist at the Marlboro Music Festival in VT.



Georgia native **Gabriela Diaz** began her musical training at the age of five, studying piano with her mother, and the next year, violin with her father. A childhood cancer survivor, Gabriela is committed to supporting cancer research and treatment in her capacity as a musician. She and her colleagues have performed in cancer units in Boston hospitals and throughout the United States.

Gabby is a member of several Boston-area contemporary music groups, In 2012 she joined the violin faculty of Wellesley College and also teaches at the Longy School of Music at Bard College. Gabriela is

co-artistic director of the much beloved Boston-based chamber music and outreach organization Winsor Music.

Gabriela's recording of Lou Harrison's Suite for Violin and American Gamelan was highlighted in the New York Times Article "5 Minutes That Will Make You Love Classical Music." Critics have acclaimed Gabriela as 'a young violin master,' and 'one of Boston's most valuable players.'



Sergei Vassiliev is Principal Clarinet of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and Artistic Director of EPIC. Sergei has appeared in the US and Europe as a soloist, chamber musician, and clinician. He performed chamber music at Festival Mozaic, Colorado College Music Festival, Music Academy of the West, Sarasota Festival, and Music in the Mountains. Sergei has held principal clarinet positions with Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra and Boise Philharmonic. He is on faculty at University of Colorado Colorado Springs and Colorado State University.



**Ent Center
for the
Arts**

**Ent Center for the Arts, Chapman Foundations Recital Hall
Friday, September 8th, 2023
7pm**

Performed by:

Gabriela Diaz violin | Ieva Jokubaviciute piano | Sergei Vassiliev clarinet |

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Florence Price

Elfentanz

Kinan Azmeh

Prayer for solo clarinet

Alban Berg

Four Pieces

1. *Moderate*
2. *Very Slow*
3. *Very Quickly*
4. *Slow*

Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson

Louisiana Blues Strut

15 Minute Break (Time for a refill)

Igor Stravinsky

Soldier's Tale

1. *Soldier's March*
2. *Soldier's Violin*
3. *Little Concert*
4. *Tango - Waltz - Ragtime*
5. *Devil's Dance*

Darius Milhaud

Trio for clarinet, violin, and piano

1. *Lively and Cheerful*
2. *Animated*
3. *Lively*
4. *Moderately - Lively*

**Production by Larry Jones,
Atticus Wei, Sergei Vassiliev, Beth Cecere and the amazing Ent Staff**

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