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EPIC SPRING SEASON TICKETS ON SALE!

The Spring Season Concerts will deliver the same quality and imagination you can now expect from EPIC concerts. Some amazing new musicians are joining us from near and far!

February 18th, 7pm at Almagre - Celebrate Black History Month with us! We will show off gorgeous underplayed music by African American Composers. Also on the program the famous Kegelstatt Trio by Mozart.

April 15th, 7pm at Almagre - Do not miss an exclusive concert featuring the Concertmaster of the Paris National Opera Orchestra Petteri Iivonen. He will perform some of his favorite violin works. Also on the program, the incredible *Contrasts* Trio by Bartok that was commissioned by Benny Goodman.

May 20th, 7pm at Almagre - We are joined by an incredible couple. Yi Zhao is the assistant concertmaster of the Colorado Symphony and her husband Young Kim is a world class French horn player. This concert is titled *Kaleidoscope* because we will perform music of vastly different styles and it will wow you and enchant you.

THIS WILL NOT BE A STUFFY LINE UP!

For tickets visit epicmustsee.org

GUEST ARTIST SERIES
THE ALLAKHVERDYAN DUO
NOVEMBER 5TH, 7PM, 2021
ALMAGRE VENUE



Welcome to EPIC. Whether this is your first concert with us or we are welcoming you back, we're so glad you're here!

Our programming is fun, eclectic and inclusive. There are other concerts in Colorado Springs, but we'd like to think that we have something a little special that you can only see at EPIC. From the very first concerts, we felt that our strengths were in the mastery of our musicians and the warm interactive

atmosphere of our concerts - the humanity if you will. This season, we are staying true to this while learning and improving every aspect of what makes EPIC special.

Our Fall Concerts turned out to be a success in terms of keeping our relaxed, welcoming atmosphere while improving the quality of your experience in every direction. Our visual presentation has been getting better, while we work out the many organizational kinks that make us sometimes feel as if we are preparing for a space mission. You wouldn't believe how much work it can take to coordinate two spotlights, or synchronize a projection, or fine tune a microphone. All these skills require experience and many hands. We've been loving the challenge and the journey of growing up and improving. We have also been learning from reading your invaluable feedback and we will continue to adapt and improve the experience, there is still a lot we can do in this direction.

If you have been enjoying all the amazing musicians we have been able to invite to play with us thanks to your support... well, this shall continue. Please take a look at the fantastic concerts coming up and take advantage of the early bird discounts that are now available on our improved website. There will be more new composers, more stunning classics, new faces, musicians from near and far. In short, you don't want to miss it.

Please come by and say hello any time before, during, or after the concert!

Sincerely Yours,

Sergei Vassiliev, EPIC Artistic Director.



Clarinetist Boris Allakhverdyan was appointed Principal Clarinet of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in 2016. He previously served as Principal Clarinet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the Associate Principal Clarinet of the Kansas City Symphony. Mr. Allakhverdyan is a founding member of the Prima Trio, the Grand Prize and the Gold Medal winner of the prestigious 2007 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. The New York Times called his performance "inspired," "gorgeous" and

"superlative," and the Los Angeles Times praised his "energetic, vibrant solos." Boris Allakhverdyan has appeared as a soloist with the Seattle, Bakersfield and Springfield Symphony orchestras as well as orchestras in Canada, Russia, Armenia and Kazakhstan. He has participated in the Lucerne Festival Academy (Switzerland), the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival (Germany), the Emilia Romagna Music Festival (Italy) as well as Mainly Mozart San Diego, Twickenham, Colorado and Britt Music Festivals. Mr. Allakhverdyan is a winner of Rimsky-Korsakov International Woodwind Competition, Hellam Concerto Competition, the Tuesday Musical and the Oberlin Concerto competitions.

Pianist Alin Allakhverdyan is a prize-winning collaborative artist, soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. She holds a Doctorate in Keyboard Collaborative Arts from USC and is the Music Director of American Contemporary Ballet in Los Angeles. Praised with a "sensitivity unique in the piano world" (The Musical Gourmet), Dr. Allakhverdyan has won numerous competitions and scholarships including the YMF/ASCAP Leiber & Stoller Scholarship, first prize at the Los Angeles Liszt International Competition, and first prize at the William Grant Still Young Artists Competition. She has also appeared as a soloist with various orchestras throughout California. An avid collaborative pianist, Dr. Allakhverdyan has performed with the Los Angeles Master Chorale in Walt Disney Concert Hall, with LA Phil Concertmaster Martin Chalifour, LA Phil Principal Clarinet Boris Allakhverdyan, cellist Coleman Itzkoff as the Amicus Duo, cellist Taeguk Mun, and many others. Most recently, she was one of the pianists invited to take part in the 2020 Piatigorsky International Cello Festival. A native to Southern California, Dr. Allakhverdyan began her piano studies at the age of four. She earned Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees in Piano Performance, and in May 2018, completed a Doctorate in Keyboard Collaborative Arts as the Outstanding Graduate.

Also performing tonight:



Sergei Vassiliev, clarinet



EPIC Guest Artist Series
Allakhverdyan Duo Friday, November 5th, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Performed by:
Alin Allakhverdyan piano, Boris Allakhverdyan clarinet
Short appearance by Sergei Vassiliev clarinet
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Claude Debussy, Première Rhapsodie for clarinet and piano

Michele Mangani, Pagina d'album

Alexander Rosenblatt, Carmen Fantasy for clarinet and piano

15 Minute Break (Time for a refill)

Ernesto Cavallini, Serenata for clarinet and piano

William Grant Still, Romance

Paquito D'Rivera, Vals Venezolano

Istvan Kohan, Konzerstück a la Feidman for 2 clarinets and piano

Production by Natalie Boggs, Nate Cuccaro, Michael Mehall, Larry Jones, Shauna Smith.



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