Guest Artist and Faculty Guitar Concert: Mirić Sisters

Saturday, August 22, 2015 • 7:30 p.m.
Belhaven University Center for the Arts • Recital Room
There will be a reception after the program. Please come and greet the performers. Please refrain from the use of all flash and still photography during the concert. Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

PROGRAM

Concerto No. 1 in D major, BWV 972
  I. Allegro
  II. Larghetto
  III. Allegro

String Quartet No. 8 in E major, Op. 2, 2 - Hob III:8
  I. Allegro
  II. Menuetto
  III. Adagio
  IV. Menuetto allegro
  V. Finale presto

Casablanca (A place, a story and a kiss)

INTERMISSION

Three Serbian Dances
  Pašona Kolo
  Čarlama Kolo
  Užičko Kolo

Micropiezas No. 5, Monte Carlo

Two Spanish Dances
  Danza Española No. 2, “Oriental”
  Danza Española No. 6, “Rondalla Aragonesa”

BIOGRAPHY

Darka Kooienga and Tanja Mirić (Duo Mirić) are twin sisters from Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina. They began their classical guitar training at the age of eight with Prof. Ljubinko Jović who encouraged them to play as a duo. As a duo, they received several first prizes at the Federal competition in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Darka’s and Tanja’s musical and academic achievements in their home country were brought to the attention of Dr. John Ingwerson by Dr. Miroslav Lončar. Dr. Ingwerson sponsored the sisters to begin their studies in the U.S. with him at Hinds Community College and Mississippi College in Mississippi with full scholarships.

Among their undergraduate musical achievements were first place awards at the MMTA, MFMC and Mississippi Guitar Festival competitions. Beyond Mississippi, they won the college duo and overall
college division at the University of Texas at Brownsville Ensemble Festival, 2006. Upon completion of their undergraduate studies, the sisters were awarded full scholarships and teaching assistantships to study with Mr. Robert Guthrie at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, where they received their MM degrees. They received their D.M.A. from the University of Minnesota.

Duo Mirić has performed in master classes for a number of well-known ensembles including SoloDuo, Maccari-Pugliese, Paris Duo, Quartenaglia and Canadian Guitar Quartet, among others.

Duo Mirić performed in Ensemble Showcase at the Guitar Foundation of America convention in Louisville (KY), Fort Worth Guitar Festival (TX), Schubert Club Courtroom Concert series (Saint Paul, MN), and Collage Concert (a showcase of elite performers from the University of Minnesota School of Music). Recently, they made their first Midwest tour, performing in South Dakota and Ohio. During this tour, they also performed in concert and conducted a master class at Marshall University, WV.

Duo Mirić has won multiple prizes at Mississippi guitar competitions as well as college duo and overall college division competitions at the University of Texas at Brownsville Ensemble Festival. Most recently, they were semifinalists in the 2013 CAG Victor Elmaleh Competition in New York City.

Their upcoming engagements include performances at the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society 2015-2016 season, and School Residences in St. Louis public schools.

Dr. Kooienga directs at Como Guitar Academy and teaches at Vienna Community Arts in Saint Paul, MN. Dr. Mirić is a guitar instructor at Mississippi College, Taylor School of Music and Belhaven University.

Duo Mirić plays on the guitars by Dake Traphagen.

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The Music Department seeks to produce transformational leaders in the musical arts who will have profound influence in homes, churches, private studios, educational institutions, and on the concert stage. While developing the God-bestowed musical talents of music majors, minors, and elective students, we seek to provide an integrative understanding of the musical arts from a Christian world and life view in order to equip students to influence the world of ideas. The music major degree program is designed to prepare students for graduate study while equipping them for vocational roles in performance, church music, and education. The Belhaven University Music Department exists to multiply Christian leaders who demonstrate unquestionable excellence in the musical arts and apply timeless truths in every aspect of their artistic discipline.

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Thank you to those working behind the scenes to make today’s program a success: music faculty supervisor, Dr. Sachs; student workers –house manager, Wil Murphy; ushers, Katherine Crivello & Maddi Jolley; stage manager, Jessica Schmidt; stage hands, Taylor Scrivner & Allie Sahli; recording / sound / lighting, Anne Hilleke; photographer, Rachel Gari; reception hosts, Joanna Ayers & Miracle Gee.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 8, 7:30pm, Concert Hall
Preston Chamber Music Series An Evening of
Diamonds I: Belhaven Piano Quartet

Tuesday, September 15, 7:30pm, Concert Hall
Guest Artist Voice & Piano Recital:
Dr. Kate Rawls & Mei-En Chou

Saturday, October 17, 7:30pm, Concert Hall
Alumni Collaborative Piano Recital:
Nicole Harwell with Alex McKamie

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30pm, Recital Room
Student Composers Concert XV

Monday, November 16, 7:30pm, Concert Hall
Choral & Vocal Arts Concert of the People
And by the People: Sacred Choral & Vocal
Music by American Composers

Sunday, November 22, 7:00pm, Covenant Pres
Best of Belhaven I

Friday-Saturday, December 4-5, 7:30pm, Soccer Bowl
The 83rd Annual Singing Christmas Tree

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