

## For Immediate Release

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### **The Chamber Music Foundation of New England (CMFoNE™) opens its fifth Chamber Music Circle Concert Series with music of Clara and Robert Schumann.**

The Chamber Music Foundation of New England (CMFoNE™), now in its fifth concert season, continues with keeping their primary goal of enriching New England's musical communities by providing young and amateur musicians an opportunity to accelerate artistic growth and excel in musical skills by collaborating with professional musicians in chamber music ensembles.

With that goal in mind, CMFoNE opens the 2008-2009 Chamber Music Circle Concert season on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church, Brookline.

The music of Clara and Robert Schumann will be explored in performance and with a program talk by CMFoNE musicians. A concluding portion of the evening offers the audience an opportunity to share their enjoyment and interest in chamber music by meeting the performing musicians and other audience members at an on-site complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres reception after the concert. It is a wonderful way to share the common bond and love for the art form and it is a great opportunity to make new friends that embrace a deep interest in the genre of chamber music.

This first concert will feature two exceptional young cellists Mikhail Veselov from Russia and Ying-Jun Wei from China, and will also spotlight young mezzo-soprano, Olga Bykhovskiy. Veselov, from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform Clara Schumann's Piano Trio in G minor Op. 17 with CMFoNE staff musicians, Lilia Muchnik, violin, and Ellina Blinder, piano. Wei, from Wu Han Conservatory of Music, China, will perform Robert Schumann's Piano Trio in F Major Op. 80 with guest artist Alexey Shabalin, violin, and CMFoNE staff musician Tanya Kodinsky, piano. Another highlight of the evening will be the performance of Robert Schumann's Lieder with Bykhovskiy, and Kodinsky.

Ticket prices are \$25- Adults and \$18- Students and seniors. Major credit cards accepted. To order tickets call 617-877-6309 or 508-801-3373 or by E-mail to [info@cmfone.org](mailto:info@cmfone.org). For further information about the Chamber Music Foundation, please visit [www.cmfone.org](http://www.cmfone.org)

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Note: Press wishing to cover the event can order complimentary tickets by phone or E-mail.

#### Musician Biographies

Mikhail Veselov has won first prizes in several international competitions including Gartof Stiftung Competition in St. Petersburg, Città di Barletta Competition in Italy and Rachmaninov Competition in Moscow.

Ying-Jun Wei won the first prize of The Third China Cello Competition at the age of 13. She was then given a great opportunity to study in England by Curtis Price, the Principal of Royal Academy of Music.

Olga Bykhovskiy has performed at the Roman Music Festival in both concert and opera, and was soloist with the prize-winning children's choir EDERA of Rome during their tour of the Northeast. She also sang Mignon in Thomas's "Mignon" and Orfeo in Gluck's "Orfeo et Euridice" at New England Conservatory and has collaborated extensively with Boston Symphony Orchestra violist, Michael Zaretsky and pianist/composer, Yakov Yakoulov. In April 2007 at Ventfort Hall Bykhovskiy sang the premiere of Yakoulov's composition of Hildegard Von Bingen's chants, which he dedicated to her.

## Chamber Music Circle Concert Series include:

### **Sunday, October 19, 2008 6:30 pm**

Clara Schumann Piano Trio in G minor Op.17  
Robert Schumann Lieder  
Robert Schumann Piano Trio No. 2 in F major Op. 80

### **Sunday, December 14, 2008 6:30 pm**

Zoltan Kodaly Serenade for two violins and viola Op. 12  
Ludwig van Beethoven Trio in B-flat Major Op. 97 ("Archduke")

### **Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:30 pm**

Arabesque Winds, 2008 International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition (ICMEC) Grand Prize Winner  
Concert Program To Be Announced

### **Sunday, May 10, 2009 6:30 pm**

Antonio Dvorak Piano Quintet in A major op.81  
Richard Strauss Piano Quartet in C minor, Op. 13

All concerts take place at St. Paul Church in Brookline  
15 St. Paul St, Brookline, MA 02446 (617) 566-4953  
Each concert will be followed by the on-site post-concert reception

## **TICKET INFORMATION**

- Ticket price, is \$25 for Adults and \$18 for Students and Seniors
- Season ticket price for Adults is \$75, for Students and Seniors is \$50
- To order tickets by Phone at (617) 877 - 6309 or (508) 801 - 3373 or by E-mail to [info@cmfone.org](mailto:info@cmfone.org)
- Group Tickets are available

## **MEDIA NOTES**

- The Executive Director, Edward Kodinsky and Music Director, Ellina Blinder are available to talk about the 5th CMCC series season.
- Photographs of the CMCC activities are available in high-resolution digital form.
- All CMCC concerts and rehearsals are open to the media, with advance registration required.
- Additional information about the CMCC series is available at [www.cmfone.org](http://www.cmfone.org)

To make reservations, arrange interviews, or receive photographs, contact Edward Kodinsky, Executive Director [edk@cmfone.org](mailto:edk@cmfone.org) or 617-801 3373