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Ford Hall
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Program

Alter Ego (2001)  
Georges Aperghis  
(b. 1945)

L'Incandescence de la Bruine (1997)  
Bruno Mantovani  
(b. 1974)

Walimai (2005)  
Michael Djupstrom  
(b. 1980)

Gaspard de la Nuit (1908)  
III. Scarbo  
Maurice Ravel  
(1875-1937)

Pause

Sonata (1984)  
Two-Part Invention  
La fólia nuova  
Scherzo "Will o' the wisp"  
Recitative and Dance  
William Albright  
(1944-1998)

Fantasia (1948)  
Animé  
Lent  
Très Animé  
Heitor Villa-Lobos  
(1887-1959)

Nachtgesang (1910)  
Max Bruch  
(1838-1920)

Timothy Rosenberg, soprano saxophone
The Solaris Duo

The Solaris Duo was formed in 2008 and has since thrilled audiences throughout Europe with their dynamic style and versatile programming. Their repertoire ranges from classical masterpieces to cutting edge new music and stylized popular music. The duo enjoys introducing audiences to the possibilities of their uncommon instrumental ensemble. First-time listeners are surprised and delighted by the saxophone's tone quality and flexibility in a non-jazz setting.

Saxophonist Joel Diegert comes from upstate New York and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Ithaca College and Bowling Green State University. In 2008 he moved to Paris to study with master saxophonists Jean-Michel Goury and Vincent David. Joel has been successful in national and international competitions, having won the 2006 North American Saxophone Alliance Solo Competition, taken second place in the 2009 Saxiana Chamber Music Competition, and advanced to the semi-finals in the 2008 Jean-Marie Londeix Saxophone Competition held in Thailand. He has given concerto performances with the Vermont Philharmonic, the Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra, and the Ithaca College Wind Ensemble, and he has performed at nearly all of the major saxophone conferences since 2004.

Pianist Mariam Vardzelashvili was born in Georgia and studied at the Tbilisi State Conservatory until the age of 20, when she moved to the United States to complete her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She then continued her world tour in France to study with Icelandic pianist Edda Erlendsdòttir at the Conservatoire de Versailles. Mariam gave her first performance with the Georgian National TV and Radio Broadcasting Orchestra at the age of 10. She has been an active performer since then both as a soloist and a collaborative artist, with extensive experience in solo vocal, instrumental, and choral music. Mariam is a prize-winner of several competitions including the 1997 P. Konjevich Competition for Young Musicians in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the 1999 F. Chopin International Competition for Young Pianists, in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and the Dr. Marjorie Conrad Peatee Art Song Competition in Bowling Green, Ohio in 2008 and 2009.
Upcoming Events

February

10 - 7:00pm - Hockett - Guest Recital: Benjamin Moritz

14 - 8:15pm - Hockett - Hockett Chamber Music Series: Rhythm and Brass

15 - 7:00pm - Hockett - Faculty Chamber Recital: Jean Radice, organ

16 - 7:00pm - Ford - Guest Concert: Central Winds

18 - 8:15pm - Hockett - Faculty Recital: Nicholas DiEugenio, violin

19 - 8:15pm - Ford - Boehmler Series: Windscape

23 - 8:15pm - Ford - Ticketed event - Ithaca College Concerts: The Amelia Piano Trio with soprano Hyunah Yu

24 - 8:15pm - Ford - Percussion Ensembles

25 - 8:15pm - Ford - Black History Month Concert: The Catalyst Quartet

26 - 8:15pm - Ford - Wind Ensemble, Stephen Peterson, conductor

28 - 8:15pm - Hockett - Composition Premieres III, students of Dana Wilson and Jorge Grossman

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