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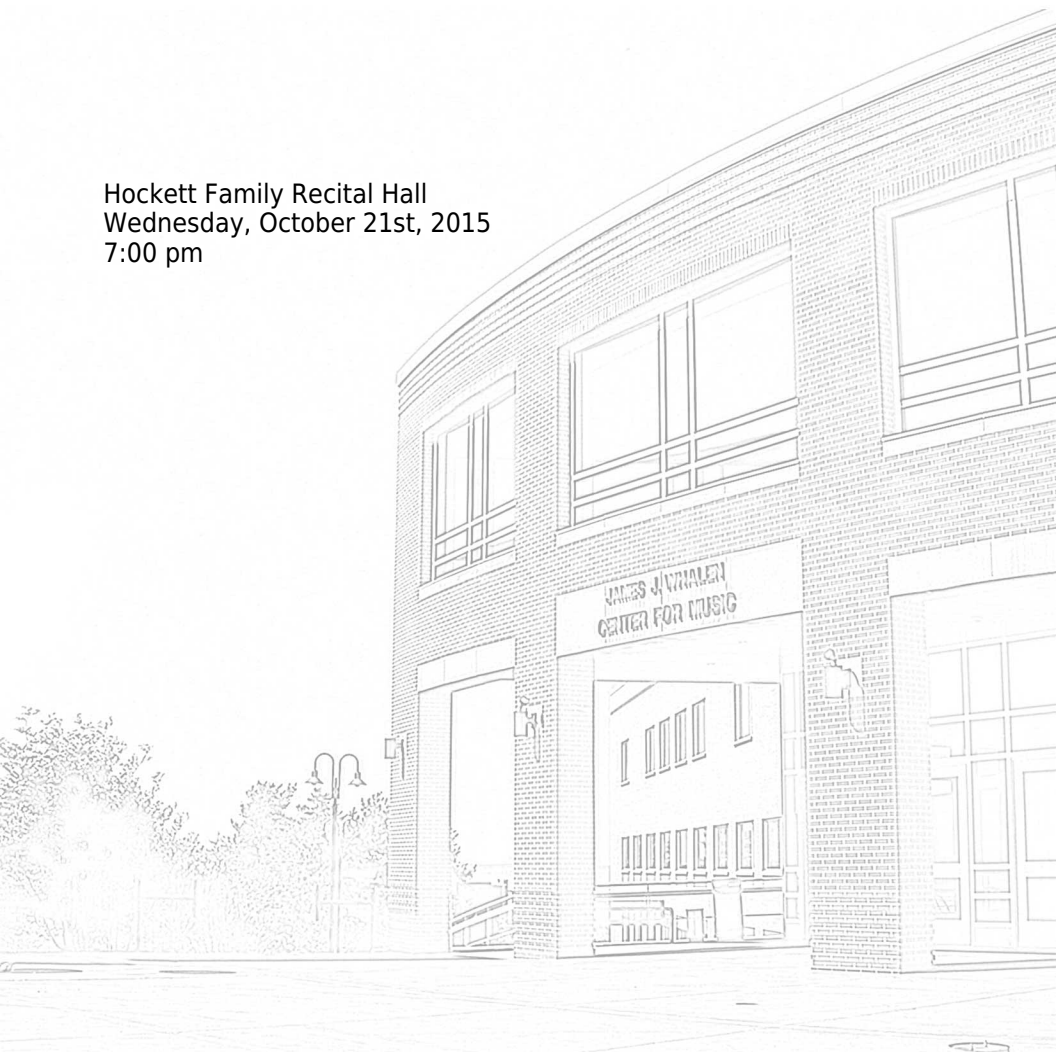
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GUEST ARTIST RECITAL

James Houlik, tenor saxophone

Vahan Sargsyan, piano

Hockett Family Recital Hall
Wednesday, October 21st, 2015
7:00 pm



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Program

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| Miniature - Andante con passione | Alojzy Thomys (1929-2005) |
| AMERICAN BOUQUET | |
| Wallpaper with Cuckoo | Gregory Kosteck (1937-1991) |
| To A Star | Lamar Stringfield (1897-1959) |
| Scherzino (1986) | Walter S. Hartley (b. 1927) |
| Sonata | Cesar Franck (1822-1890) |
| Allegretto ben Moderato | |
| Allegro | |
| LATIN MOMENTS | |
| Oblivion | Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992) |
| Farewell Patagonia (2010) | Geoff Eales (b. 1951) |
| Soliloquy & Celebration (1996) | Ronald Caravan (b. 1946) |
| A tribute to Paul Desmond | |
| THE SINGING SAXOPHONE | |
| Serenade toscane | Gabriel Faure (1845-1924) |
| How Sweet the Place | Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) |
| Fleur Jete | Gabriel Faure |
| Excursion (1997) | Mike Tomaro |

**Sponsored by The Ithaca College Saxophone Society and
Yamaha.**

Mr. Houlik performs on the Yamaha Custom XE tenor saxophone.

Biographies

James Houlik has been critically acclaimed around the world as the preeminent saxophonist on his instrument. He has introduced the unexpected beauty of the tenor saxophone wherever open ears seek a refreshing new voice. He performs with many of the world's great orchestras, most often playing music that has been composed for him by such composers as Morton Gould, Robert Ward, Russell Peck, Eric Ewazen, and many more. His concerto recordings have helped to set a new standard for saxophone performance, prompting *The London Daily Mail* to recognize him as "The World's Great Saxophone Virtuoso."

He has appeared in the major music capitals of the world as concerto soloist or in recital, including in Brazil, The Netherlands, Germany, Taiwan, Beijing, Poland, South Africa, Turkey, and many more. With a combination of engaging repertoire and compelling artistry on an already popular instrument, James Houlik serves up dependably exciting performances.

James Houlik is Professor of Saxophone at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a Yamaha Artist, performing exclusively on the Yamaha Custom EX tenor saxophone.

Armenian pianist **Vahan Sargsyan** holds graduate and post graduate degrees from Yerevan Komitas State Conservatoire where he studied with Elza Tandilyan and his father, renowned pianist Yili Sargsyan. He was awarded Second Prize in the International Competition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and he was also winner of the Pittsburgh Concert Society Auditions as a soloist and in two chamber music categories. Mr. Sargsyan has performed as soloist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and is regularly seen at the orchestra's keyboards. He is staff pianist and chamber music coach at Carnegie Mellon University.