



SATURDAY, JUNE 18 @ 2.30pm
First Unitarian Church of Hamilton

Angela Park & Stéphan Sylvestre, piano

PROGRAM

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Sonata in D major, Op. 6 for Piano Four
Allegro molto
Rondo. Moderato

ALICE HO Heart to Heart (2012)

JOHANNES BRAHMS Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68 for Piano
Four Hands
Un poco sostenuto: Allegro
Andante sostenuto
Un poco allegretto e grazioso
Adagio: Allegro non troppo ma con brio

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Pianist Angela Park has established herself as one of Canada's most sought-after pianists. Praised for her "stunningly beautiful pianism" (Grace Welsh Prize, Chicago), "beautiful tone and sensitivity" (American Record Guide), and for performing "with such brilliant clarity it took your breath away" (Chapala, Mexico), Angela's versatility as both soloist and chamber musician has led to acclaimed performances across Canada, as well as in the United States, Europe, Japan, and Mexico. Angela is a founding member of the JUNO Award-winning Ensemble Made In Canada, and the acclaimed Mercer-Park Duo with cellist Rachel Mercer. Rachel and Angela performed with violinist Yehonatan Berick as the AYR trio from 2010-2020. They also perform together with violinist Mayumi Seiler (Seiler Trio). Since 2019, she has collaborated as a piano duo with Stéphan Sylvestre. Highlights from recent seasons include concerto performances with Sinfonia Toronto, solo recital for the Piano Bravura series in Toronto, performances with Martin Beaver and members of the St. Lawrence String Quartet for the Toronto Summer Music Festival, and a Canada-wide tour of the Mosaïque Project with Ensemble Made In Canada. From 2011-2014, Angela was Visiting Assistant Professor of Collaborative Piano-Woodwinds at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. She has given masterclasses and educational outreach sessions for universities and communities across Canada, as well as at SUNY New Paltz, Stanford, and Indiana University in the United States. Since 2014, Ensemble Made In Canada has been Ensemble in Residence at Western University in London, Ontario. Angela is currently Assistant Professor of Piano and Collaborative Piano at Western University. She is also on the board of the Stratford Summer Music Festival.

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Stéphan Sylvestre ranks among the most sought-after Canadian pianists. Compared by critics to Artur Schnabel for his natural talent and flawless technique (La Presse, Montreal), he has given performances in numerous countries throughout North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Russia. He performed five solo recitals in the Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), he appeared with top Canadian orchestras and in Canada's leading international festivals, and played live for the BBC. One of Canada's most praised chamber musicians, he regularly collaborates with internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles such as James Campbell, James Sommerville, Ransom Wilson, Martin Beaver, Susan Hoepfner, Rivka Golani, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, the Penderecki, New Zealand, and New Orford string quartets, as well as with first chairs of the Israel Philharmonic, Toronto Symphony and Montreal Symphony orchestras. His recordings have been hailed by critics. His Brahms solo recordings were placed alongside Murray Perahia's interpretations by WholeNote magazine, and the internationally famed Strad Magazine in the U.K. recently gave a stunning review of his recording of the works of Szymanowski for violin and piano with member of the Penderecki String Quartet, Jerzy Kaplanek. He regularly gives master classes around the world and he has sat on juries of prestigious competitions such as the Montreal International Piano Competition, the Montreal Symphony Competition and the Canadian Music Competition. He also regularly adjudicates for prestigious institutions including the Glenn Gould School and the Conservatoire de Montréal, among many others. Stéphan Sylvestre has been Associate Professor and head of keyboard studies at Western University Canada since 2005. He is one of the most respected pedagogues of the new generation and highly sought-after by young pianists around the world. His teachers have included Leon Fleisher, John Perry, Marc Durand and Marek Jablonski.

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