

ABOUT CMI

The Community Music Institute (CMI) believes that quality string instruction creates new possibilities for children.

Through the Suzuki Strings Program and Chamber Players, the CMI provides comprehensive string instrument instruction designed to develop musicianship, exceptional instrumental skill, and a life-long appreciation of the musical arts.

The CMI seeks to provide growth for University of Oregon string pedagogy students and for community students and their parents through long-term mentorship.

Comprehensive Instruction

- Weekly individual lessons with trained teachers
- Weekly repertoire and technique classes
- Frequent performance opportunities
- Parent education and enrichment classes

Learning Community

- UO string students mentoring children
- Parents working with their children on common goals
- A community of families committed to learning through music

Nurturing Children

- Developing the whole child through a nurturing learning environment
- New opportunities for musical and social growth
- Participation in community arts events

Dedicated faculty and University of Oregon student string teachers serve students ages four and older in Eugene and surrounding communities.

MORE INFO: uocmi.org

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

BENEFIT CONCERT

for the University of Oregon
Community Music Institute

Lillie Manis, violin
Fritz Gearhart, violin
Ednaldo Borba, piano

Beall Concert Hall
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014 | 3 p.m.



*Suite in g minor, Op. 71,
for two violins and piano
Allegro energico
Allegro moderato
Lento assai
Molto vivace*

Moritz Moszkowski
(1854-1925)

Thème et Variations for violin and piano

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

- Intermission -

*Sonata for violin and piano,
No. 8 in G Major, Op. 30, No. 3
Allegro assai
Tempo di Minuetto, ma molto moderato e grazioso
Allegro vivace*

Ludvig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Gearhart has also premiered several contemporary works for violin, including works by award-winning American composers David Crumb and Robert Kyr. A recording of David Crumb's September Elegy will be released on Bridge Records in 2015.

Gearhart received his Master's Degree and prestigious Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music where he studied with Donald Weilerstein. Earlier studies at the Hartt School included work with Charles Treger and members of the Emerson Quartet. Gearhart teaches summers at the Marrowstone Music Festival, the Portland Chamber Music Camp and the Garth Newel Music Center in Virginia. He has recently designed a study abroad program for the fall of 2015 in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Gearhart is currently on the faculty of the University of Oregon School of Music.

Ednaldo Borba began his piano studies with Prof. Claudia Marcia Feitosa, entering the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro in 2003 in the class of Prof. Idis Benicio. In 2012, he obtained his Masters degree at James Madison University, studying with Dr. Paulo Steinberg, and in that same year he started his Doctorate at the University of Oregon under the direction of Dr. Alexandre Dossin. He has played as soloist with the Symphonic Orchestra from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Ribeirão Preto Symphonic Orchestra, and the James Madison Symphony Orchestra. His recitals includes performances in the USA, Brazil and Spain, and he won many prizes in Brazilian National Piano Competitions and the 1st prize in the VI Fórum Internacional de Música Barcelona Ciutat International Piano Competition, 2008.

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