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## **Robert Koenig, Pianist**

Pianist Robert Koenig has quickly established a reputation as a much sought-after collaborative pianist and chamber musician. He performs regularly in major centers throughout the world with many of this generation's most renowned musicians. Recent engagements have included performances at Carnegie Hall in New York, The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, Suntory Hall in Tokyo, The Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, The Louvre Museum in Paris, and Royal Festival Hall in London. He has performed with many of today's leading artists... Sarah Chang, Hilary Hahn, Pamela Frank, Augustin Hadelich, Zuill Bailey, Roberto Diaz, Elmar Oliveira, Aaron Rosand, The Miro String Quartet, and The St. Lawrence String Quartet.

Mr. Koenig has appeared at many festivals including Aspen, Ravinia, Banff, Saratoga, Caramoor, the Seattle Chamber Music Festival, the El Paso Pro Musica, Chamber Music Northwest, West Branch International Festival and Academy, the Campos do Jordao Festival in Brazil, and the Mostly Mozart Festival in New York. He is frequently heard on radio and television including ABC's "Good Morning America" and CBS "This Morning". Mr. Koenig was staff pianist at both The Juilliard School and The Curtis Institute of Music, and from 2000-2007 he served as Professor of Piano and Piano Chamber Music at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. With the assistance of the University of Kansas Center for Research, Mr. Koenig commissioned renowned American Composer Lowell Liebermann to write a new trio for flute, cello and piano. In the fall of 2007, he assumed the position as Professor and Head of The Collaborative Piano Program at The University of California Santa Barbara.

## **Chamber On The Mountain**

*Presented by the Happy Valley Cultural Center  
under the Artistic Direction of renowned harpist Heidi Lehwalder.*

**Upcoming in our Chamber On The Mountain music series**

**Itamar Zorman, Violinist**

Sunday, September 25, 2016 / 3:00 pm

**Amerigo Trio**

Sunday, December 4, 2016 / 3:00 pm

**Anderson & Roe, Piano Duo**

Sunday, January 29, 2017 / 3:00 pm

**Sang-Eun Lee, Cellist**

Sunday, March 5, 2017 / 3:00 pm

**Mayuko Kamio, Violinist**

Sunday, May 7, 2017 / 3:00 pm

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# **CHAMBER**



## **Nikki & Timothy Chooi** **Violin Duo**

**with Robert Koenig, Pianist**

Sunday, May 1, 2016

3:00 pm / Logan House

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## Nikki Chooi, Violinist

Canadian violinist **Nikki Chooi** has been described as “*a model of taste and tonal refinement*” (Boston Globe) and “*vigorous and colorful*” (New York Times).

As **First Prize Winner of the 2013 Michael Hill International Violin Competition**, Nikki recently completed an extensive recital tour with Chamber Music New Zealand, performed with Giordano Bellincampi and the Auckland Philharmonia, recorded his debut album with the Atoll Label, and gave a recital at Australia's Musica Viva Series. He is also a **winner of the 2013 Astral Artists' Auditions and Laureate of the 2012 Queen Elisabeth Violin Competition**.

Nikki's 2014/2015 season included performing at the Ottawa Chamber Fest, the Moritzburg Festival in Germany, Philadelphia's Astral Artists Series, Chicago's Harris Theatre, a Musicians from Marlboro Tour, and engagements with the Winnipeg Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, Louiseville Orchestra, and Orchestre Symphonique de Laval.



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## Timothy Chooi, Violinist

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Canadian violinist **Timothy Chooi** is enrolled at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia studying with Ida Kavafian, and previously studied with Pinchas Zukerman and Patinka Kopec. At the age of 16, Chooi captured the **2010 Grand Prix of the 71st l'Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal Standard Life Competition**, bringing him numerous concert engagements. Chooi debuted with the l'Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal under the command of Maestro Jean-François Rivest. The La Presse newspaper of Montréal described Chooi's debut as “*le miracle [the miracle]*.” He has since played with l'Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal again under the baton of Maestro Kent Nagano. Chooi was recently awarded the **Bronze Medal (3rd Prize) at the 2015 Michael Hill International Violin Competition in New Zealand**.

**Winner of the 2013 Vadim Repin International Scholarship Audition**, Chooi performed at the Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall in 2013 to a rousing reception. Other top awards include the winner of the **2012 Canada Council Instrument Bank Competition**, recipient of the **Sylva Gelber Music Foundation**, the **Morningside MusicBridge International Competition in Calgary**, Vancouver's **Musical Society Club Competition**, the recipient of the **Roberto and Mary Wood Scholarship** and winner of the “**Special Violin Prize**” at the **2010 Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition in Oslo, Norway**.

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## Chamber On The Mountain

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Sunday, May 1, 2016  
3:00 pm / Logan House

## Program

#### Sonata for Two Violins in C Major, Op. 56

Sergei Prokofiev

(1891–1953)

*Andante cantabile*

*Allegro*

*Comodo (quasi Allegretto)*

*Allegro con brio*

#### Violin Sonata No. 2 in G (Nikki Chooi)

Maurice Ravel

(1875–1937)

*Allegretto*

*Blues. Moderato*

*Perpetuum mobile. Allegro*

## Intermission

#### Violin Sonata No. 1 in d minor (Timothy Chooi)

Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835–1921)

*Allegro agitato (attacca)*

*Adagio*

*Allegro moderato (attacca)*

*Allegro molto*

#### Navarra

Pablo de Sarasate

(1844–1908)

*Nikki Chooi & Timothy Chooi Represented by Dispeker Artists, Inc.*