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Marc Levine, Ling-Ju Lai and duo parnas close 2009-2010 season

Two evenings of chamber music: Brahms violin sonatas, music by William Bolcom and more

July 16, 2010 — Ann Arbor, Mich. — Two chamber music duos perform at Kerrytown Concert House this August, marking the close of the 2009-2010 season. Ann Arbor Camerata presents violinist Marc Levine and pianist Ling-Ju Lai featuring the complete Brahms violin sonatas on **Thursday, August 26 at 8 p.m.** Sisters Madalyn Parnas (violin) and Cicely Parnas (cello) perform together as duo parnas on **Saturday, August 28 at 8 p.m.**, performing two works by celebrated Ann Arbor composer William Bolcom, who will be present to speak about the pieces.

Levine and Lai perform Johannes Brahms' three violin sonatas: Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 78; Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Op. 100 and Sonata in D Minor, Op. 108. Levine is Artistic Director of the Southampton Cultural Center Chamber Music Series. He has performed extensively in notable venues including Carnegie Hall and Symphony Space and has been a member of notable groups including the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble and the YouTube Symphony Orchestra. As a baroque violinist, Levine was a prizewinner in the 2008 American Bach Soloists International Competition for Baroque Violin. He is joined by Lai, who has performed at the Kerrytown Concert House on numerous occasions. She has appeared as the featured soloist with the Ann Arbor Camerata and performs extensively with the group as the principal keyboardist. Lai has appeared as an artist in-residence at The Utah Valley University with recital and concerto engagements. The Baltimore Sun writes, "the depth of the sound sinks in with startling poignancy as Ling-Ju Lai lets the notes linger long in the air... a moment of musical insights to savor." *This performance is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Camerata, which presents professional chamber ensembles in Ann Arbor featuring chamber works: trios, sextets, octets, as well as concertos for soloist and chamber orchestra.*

Madalyn and Cicely of duo parnas will play Bolcom's Suite for Violin and Cello, as well as violin-cello duets by Bohuslav Martinů and Joseph Haydn. Each sister will have an opportunity to shine with a solo work: J.S. Bach's Partita No. 3 in E Major for violin (Madalyn) and Suite No. 1 in C minor for cello by Bolcom (Cicely). Together, they have collaborated as duo parnas for the last dozen years, winning first prize in an international chamber music competition at Carnegie Hall, releasing two internationally acclaimed CDs, and earning rave reviews for performances of 21st century compositions written for them by award-winning composers. duo parnas has performed numerous concerts with orchestras, including the New York String Orchestra and the Albany Symphony Orchestra. They are the granddaughters of legendary cellist Leslie Parnas, winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition and charter member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Tickets for both concerts are \$25 for seats in rows 1-2, \$15 for rows 3-5, \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. To reserve tickets, visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com or call 734-769-2999. Kerrytown Concert House is located at 415 N. 4th Ave. in Ann Arbor, Mich.

About Kerrytown Concert House

The Kerrytown Concert House is an arts organization focused on community engagement and bringing fine artists and their audiences together. An intimate 110-seat venue, the Concert House has diverse offerings in a wide range of musical styles, while rotating art exhibits are displayed on the walls of the house. Located in the Kerrytown district of Ann Arbor, Mich., KCH is available to the community, including educators, students and organizations for recitals, meetings and events. In addition, it is home to the internationally acclaimed festival Edgefest, and is a presenter of artists of the highest artistic excellence. Kerrytown Concert House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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