

Upcoming Events

Student Recital

Friday, March 29 | 7:30 p.m.

PCM Auditorium

Free

Musical Storytime: Little Cloud

Saturday, March 30 | 11:30 a.m.

Vroman's | 695 E. Colorado Blvd.

Free

Guitar Master Class | Rovshan Mamedkuliev

Thursday, April 11 | 6:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall

Free

String Master Class | Lina Banh

Saturday, April 13 | 6:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall

Free

Nathaniel Rosen Guest Artist Concert

Sunday, April 28 | 4:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall

Free

Cello Master Class | Nathaniel Rosen

Monday, April 29 | 6:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall

Free



100 North Hill Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106



Moni Simeonov Chamber Master Class

Monday, March 25, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall



Moni Simeonov

A native of Bulgaria, Moni Simeonov began playing the violin at age 5, and ten years later, came to the United States on a full scholarship to the Idyllwild Arts Academy. He performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Opera, Ensemble San Francisco, and until recently, was the Concertmaster for the Sacramento Philharmonic. He has also served as a guest concertmaster with Reno Philharmonic, Louisiana Philharmonic and the Pacific Symphony. His doctoral

studies included minor fields in Viola Performance, Schenkerian Analysis, Japanese Language, as well as an emphasis on the interpretation of the Balkan folk music.

On tour and in Los Angeles, Mr. Simeonov dedicates considerable time and energy to community engagement work and to musical activities and presentations for young people. Moni has performed and coached alongside Midori for her Orchestra Residencies Program American and International tours. Until 2014, he served as a director for the program. Outreach activities have taken him to places as diverse as homeless shelters in Peru and at-risk centers in Tennessee, to Syrian refugee camps in Lebanon, and hospitals for the terminally ill in Sri Lanka.

Moni's summer teaching has included engagements with the Interlochen Summer Festival, the Singapore Violin Festival, the Hawaii Chamber Music Festival, and the Atlantic Music Festival. Moni is also the founder of Bulgaria's first chamber music academy – "Quartet Intensive". Moni has concertized and taught around the United States, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. His recordings have been archived by PBS, NPR, KUSC, Bulgarian National Radio and TV, as well as Japanese Broadcasting Company – NHK.

Moni received his BM and PC from the Eastman School of Music under Zvi Zeitlin, his MM and AD from Yale University with Ani Kavafian, and his GC and DMA from USC's Thornton School of Music where he studied with Midori. In 2014, Moni was appointed Director of String Studies and Violin Professor with the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach. He serves as the Chair of Chamber Music with the Colburn School of Music. Moni is also the creator of www.zenviolin.com

PROGRAM

String Quartet No. 7 in D Major, D. 94
IV. Presto

Schubert

Naomi Jones, violin
Arthur Sparks, violin
Sophia Krum, violin
Isabella Cook, cello

Serenade for String Trio, Op. 10
I. Marcia (Allegro)
II. Romanza (Adagio non troppo)

Dohnányi

Brennan Wuchner, violin
Mallika Sheshadri, viola
Bernard Zhang, cello

Clarinet Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 11
I. Allegro con brio

Beethoven

Trisha Chakraborty, clarinet
Zachary Tsai, cello
Christine Xu, piano



Today's chamber groups are coached by Andrew Cook,
Michael Kaufman, and Tomsen Su.