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# *Senior Recital*

## *Featuring:*

Alex M. Wilson, Jr., violoncello

James Myers, piano

Sarah Awaa, violoncello

Brent Dickerson, violoncello

Justin Dubish, violoncello



## *Program:*

1. Suite III for Violoncello, in C Major  
(S 1009) . . . . .Johann Sebastian Bach
  - I. Prelude
  - II. Allemande
  - III. Courante
  - IV. Sarabande
  - V. Bouree I, II
  - VI. Gigue
  
2. Sonata III for Violoncello and Piano,  
in A Major (Op. 69) . . . .Ludwig van Beethoven
  - I. Allegro ma non tanto
  - II. Scherzo
  - III. Adagio cantabile

## *Intermission*

3. Sonata for Violoncello and Piano (Op. 19). . .  
. . . . . Sergei Rachmaninov
  - I. Lento
  - II. Allegro scherzando
  - III. Andante
  - IV. Allegro mosso

## *Program Notes:*

1. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) is one of the worlds most renowned composers of the 18th Century. He composed works compatible with almost every instrument, ensemble, and genre. Though most of his works focused on either the keyboard or sacred vocal genre, his cello suites provide many instrumentalists with a taste of his masterful contrapuntal techniques.

Bozarth, George S., Frisch, Walter, *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, Vol. 4, pg. 193, New York: Grove, 2001.

2. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) was both a popular and extremely influential composer. His eminently recognizable style of dynamic contrasts and motive manipulation has resulted in world-wide recognition and ensured his immortality. The third cello sonata (Op. 69), in A major, is a product of his renowned middle period of composition, contemporary with his most popular works such as the Fifth Symphony.

Kuman, Joseph, Tyson, Alan, Burnham, Scott, Johnson, Douglas, Draskin, William, *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, Vol. 3, pg. 98-9, New York: Grove, 2001.

3. Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943) is mostly known as a composer of extensive and evocative repertoire for the piano. Piano concerti make up the bulk of his most popular pieces, but his lush romanticism lends itself perfectly to his cello sonata (Op. 19), composed in 1901. At his most inspired, Rachmaninov's writings are a mixture of broadly lyrical, often intensely passionate melodies, and extensively contrasting accompaniment.

Ramos, Arthure, *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, Vol. 14, pg. 714-15, New York: Grove, 2001.

## *Thanks and Considerations:*

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