

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**UCONN VIOLINIST SOLOMIYA IVAKHIV AND  
CELLIST SOPHIE SHAO TO SHARE JORGENSEN STAGE WITH  
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF UKRAINE**

*Featuring “American Rhapsody” by Grammy-Winning  
UConn Composer Kenneth Fuchs*

**Fri, Nov 22, 7:00 pm | Concert Talk 6:15 pm | please note new times**

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STORRS, CT – Regarded by critics as one of the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe, the Grammy-nominated **National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine** will be joined on the Jorgensen concert stage by **violin soloist Solomiya Ivakhiv, UConn’s Coordinator of Strings and Assistant Professor of Violin and Viola**, and **cello soloist Sophie Shao, UConn’s Assistant Professor of Cello and Instructor of String Techniques**, for a musical program featuring *Brahms Double Concerto for Violin and Cello, Op. 102*, and *Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74*. **Also on the program will be a special performance of *American Rhapsody (Romance for Violin and Orchestra)*, written by UConn Professor of Music Composition Kenneth Fuchs, the recent winner of a 2019 Grammy award in the Best Classical Compendium category for his album *Piano Concerto 'Spiritualist'/Poems of Life/Glacier/Rush*.**

This celebratory showcase of UConn music faculty in concert with one of Eastern Europe’s premier orchestral ensembles is certain to be a musical event that Jorgensen audiences will long remember.

A pre-performance “Concert Talk” will begin at 6:15 pm hosted by Dr. Glenn Stanley, UConn Music Department Professor Emeritus of Music History. Doors to the hall will open at 6:30 pm. Concert will begin at 7:00 pm.

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For additional information about the artists please visit their web sites:

**Solomiya Ivakhiv, Violinist, Coordinator of Strings,  
Assistant Professor of Violin and Viola, UConn:**

<https://music.uconn.edu/person/solomiya-ivakhiv>

<http://solomiyaivakhiv.com/about>

**Sophie Shao, Cellist, Assistant Professor of Cello and  
Instructor of String Techniques, UConn:**

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**Kenneth Fuchs, Professor of Music Composition, UConn:**

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<http://kennethfuchs.com>

**National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine:**

<http://www.nsou.com.ua/eng/orkestr.html>

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine tickets are now available online: \$35 - \$45, with some discounts available. For tickets and information, go to [jorgensen.uconn.edu](http://jorgensen.uconn.edu), or call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events.

Voted Best College or University Performing Arts Center in the Hartford Courant's CTNow, Jorgensen presents 30 to 40 diverse performances each season, from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming and contemporary entertainment.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE ON PARKING:**

Due to construction on campus, Lot L and half of Lot X will be permanently closed in Fall 2019. Closure of Lot N and the remainder of Lot X will follow in Spring 2020. Convenient \$5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is also available in Lot F. For a detailed parking map and more information, go to [park.uconn.edu](http://park.uconn.edu).

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