

January 21, 2014

Dear János,

I just heard that you've left us. Hey, I was hoping to catch another Trout or dally with Dvorak-Quintet in G with you (third quarter when I sub for Prof. Dresser).

Remember what the Hungarians say... "Man plans and God laughs."

Do you remember when we first met in Paris at the Festival produced by the Pompidou Centre? Because the Centre was not yet built we performed in a room in the Paris Conservatorie. This festival was built around the idea of having one virtuoso representing each instrument of Western music. We were grouped in various rooms with other members of our "tribe". You and I were in a room with a petite cellist who was subbing for Sigfried Palm. We were surrounded by people like Bob Aitken, Heinz Holliger, M. Portal. It was an All-Star group. I remember that your spirit, openness and Joy lit up the room. Then, I heard you play. OMG!

We became friends immediately and spent joyous time with my wife, Nancy, and Eugene Kurtz. When we left Paris I hoped that we would see you again and soon after returning, the need for a violinist for the faculty came up. You know what happened then. We talked you into coming to California and joining the UCSD Music Faculty. The rest is history.

János, you brought a lot of music making and a joyous attitude about music and life. You were a great supporter of our students, who will never forget you, and you were a great colleague. Your idea of Quarterly Soirée brought a new audience to us and featured many of our students and their performances of the standard repertoire. You loved your students and they loved you.

János, you truly were a great inspiration to so many of our performers and composers alike.

I felt so happy when you and the talented and lovely Ms. Nykter were married. It seemed as though you were the happiest guy in the world. I own some of the recordings that you made and realized that you knew that a family that plays together stays together.

Goodbye Dear Friend. You lover of life... I will see you down the road.

God Bless you, János. Bert Turetzky

To János with Love The 80th Soirée for Music Lovers

A Celebration of Life Memorial Concert for Maestro János Négyesy

Friday, February 14, 2014 8:00 p.m. Conrad Prebys Music Center, Concert Hall UC San Diego JN's Hands by Bonnie Harkins Cover photo credit: John Warner

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Program

John Cage: Freeman Etude XVI

Christiankirche, Hamburg April 15, 2008 János Négyesy - violin

Robert Schumann: Piano Quartet in E flat Major, Op.47

Andante cantabile

Todd Moellenberg - piano, Peter Clarke - violin, Päivikki Nykter - viola, Cecilia Kim - cello

Traditional Scottish Air Restless is my Sleep tonight A nochd gur faoin mo chadal dhomh, arr. Renata Bratt

Batya MacAdam-Somer and Päivikki Nykter - violins, Francesca Savage - viola, Renata Bratt - cello, Mark Dresser - double bass

Zoltán Kodály: Duo Op.7

Allegro serioso, non troppo Sofia Asasi - violin, Melissa Chu - cello

Mary Oliver: Counting Corners

Mary Oliver - viola

Camille Saint-Saëns: Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta Voix from Samson et Dalila

Leslie Leytham - soprano, Todd Moellenberg - piano

Charles Ives: Sonata No.2

Revival

Batya MacAdam-Somer - violin, Todd Moellenberg - piano

Anton Arensky: Piano Trio in d minor, Op.32, No.1

Allegro moderato

Danny Kim - piano, James Hsiao - violin, Peter Ko - cello

- Intermission -

Franco Donatoni: Duetti II

Lappeenranta, Finland September 10, 2013 János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter - violins

Grzegorz Fitelberg: The Wedding

The preparation of the Pride - Procession

Bob Zelickman - clarinet, Cecil Lytle - piano

György Kurtág: Kafka Fragmente, Op.24

1. Die Guten gehen im gleichen Schritt... 2. Wie ein Weg im Herbst 3. Verstecke 4. Ruhelos 5. Berceuse 10. Szene am Bahnhof Bonnie Lander - soprano, Batya MacAdam-Somer - violin

Johannes Brahms: Botschaft, Op.47, No.1

Philip Larson - baritone, Aleck Karis - piano

Kartik Seshadri: Theme from the second movement of Concerto for Sitar and Chamber Orchestra based on Raga Charukeshi

Kartik Seshadri - sitar, Mark Dresser - double bass, Arup Chattopadhyay – tabla, Palak Pancholi - tambura

Following the performance, please join us for a champagne toast and reception in the lobby.

Guests are welcome to share reminiscences of Maestro Négyesy.

Lobby, in the Sphere:

Shlomo Dubnov: Three Composer Duets

Mandeville Recital Hall January 23, 2007 János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter - violins

Nicolas Vérin: Cercles de Feu

Conrad Prebys Music Center, Experimental Theater
December 7, 2013
János Négyesy - violin

SOIRÉE FOR MUSIC LOVERS: A NEW DIMENSION by Dirk Sutro - October 12, 2010

Violinist János Négyesy's popular Soirée for Music Lovers concerts were born nearly twenty-five years ago when the Hungarian virtuoso and UC San Diego Music faculty member sensed a need for first-rate live classical music to complement the department's new and experimental offerings.

Négyesy's Soirées proved immediately popular, both on campus and in the San Diego community. Since then the quarterly performances have grown to the point where they attract full houses at the department's 400-seat Conrad Prebys Music Center, Concert Hall.

As director of the concerts, Négyesy selects music by a range of classical composers from various eras. Composers whose music is regularly featured range from Mozart, Schubert, and Brahms, to Telemann, Locatelli, and Saint-Saens.

The music is also selected to present a variety of instrumental formats, from soloists and duos, to ensembles of more than a dozen musicians.

Performers are a mix of professionals and gifted students, which gives young musicians the opportunity to play at a professional level.

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The following is a list of performers who participated in Professor Négyesy's Soirée for Music Lovers from 1987 to 2014:

Susan Allen – harp	Judy Cocker – violin	John Mark Harris – piano
Daniel Arovas – trumpet	Frank Cox – cello	Rebecca Harris – soprano
Tommy Babin – double bass	Cynthia Darby - piano and harpsichord	Jeffrey Ho – cello
Susan Barrett – oboe	Mark Dresser – double bass	Jennifer Holson – cello
Eric Bartlett - cello	Rebekah Dyer – cello	Jocelyn Hu – piano and harpsichord
Rachel Beetz - flute	Cynthia Earnest – horn	Keith Humble – piano
Durand René Begault – harpsichord	Erica Erényi – cello	Stephan Junek - clarinet
Fred Benedetti – guitar	Claude Fan – piano	Mariya Kaganskay – mezzo-soprano
Arun Bharali – viola	Isabelle Fanchiu – piano, harpsichord	Aleck Karis - piano, harpsichord and
David Bithell - trumpet	and harmonium	harmonium
Cathy Blickenstaff - flute	Peter Farrell – cello and viola da gamba	Jennifer Kiang – piano
Renata Bratt – cello	Chris Finckel – cello	Andrea Kim – piano
Sandra Brown – piano	Loie Flood – harpsichord	Cecilia Kim – cello
Conrad Bruderer – viola	Stacey Fraser – soprano	Daniel Kim – harpsichord
Donna Caruso – flute	Kian Freitas – piano	David Taehum Kim - tenor
Xavier Chabot - flute	John Fonville – flute	Lorie Kirkell – cello
Brian Chan – tenor	Jean-Charles François – piano	Leo Kitajima – violin
Christopher Chan – piano	Kathleen Gallagher - flute	Philip Kitcher – baritone
Ann Chase – soprano	Geoff Gartner - cello	Laura Koenig – flute
Fiona Chatwin – soprano	Sara Garvey – violin	Hollace Koman – piano
Melissa Chu – cello	Agnes Gottschewski - violin and viola	John Kretschmer – trumpet
Peter Clarke – violin	Warren Gref - French horn	Theresa La Guardia – viola
Sarah Coade – double bass	Edwin Harkins - trumpet	Isaac Langen – tenor

Philip Larson – baritone Alan Lee – piano Eunjoo Lee - cello Yvonne Lee – piano and harpsichord Stephen Lewis – harpsichord and piano Julie Randall – mezzo-soprano Leslie Leytham – mezzo-soprano Patrick Lindley - harpsichord Hugh Livingston – cello Curtis Loer - tenor Karina Lombrozo – soprano Joanna Lu – flute Katalin Lukács – piano Cecil Lytle – piano Batya MacAdam-Somer – violin Robert MacLeod - piano Sami Mäkelä – cello Reiko Manabe – flute Maria Marquise - harpsichord Kathryn Marshall - violin Julie Matsuda - violin Victoria Mature – soprano Patricia McAfee - mezzo-soprano Colin McAllister – guitar Elizabeth McNutt - flute Margaret Meier - trumpet Mark Menzies - violin László Mezö - cello Zhong Ming – cello Laura Mitchell – soprano Todd Moellenberg – piano Eric Moore – cello Margareth Murray - piano Taru Myöhänen-Mäkelä – piano Lóránt Najbauer - baritone Susan Narucki – soprano Shiba Nemat-Nasser – mezzo-soprano Bertram Turetzky – double bass Ruth Neville - piano Jeff Nevin – trumpet Päivikki Nykter - violin and viola

Patrick O'Keefe - clarinet Mary Oliver - viola

Sara-Jane Onyeama – flute Edith Orloff – piano

Scott Paulson - oboe Carol Plantamura – soprano William Powell - clarinet Marjorie Prescott - cello Karina Psakjan – recitation Anneke Rainey - French horn

Ivan Raykoff – piano Sylvia Re – harp

Martha Renner - soprano Jane Riegler - flute

Christina Roland - castanets

Laura Romero – soprano Carrie Root – horn

Sharon Rosner - double bass

Reynard Rott – cello Allison Roush - viola

Maribel Ruiz-Velasco - soprano

David Ryther - violin and viola

Satomi Saito - alto Francesca Savage – viola Sarah Schwartz - violin John Sequieros – guitar Kartik Seshadri - sitar Janice Shin - flute Eric Simonson – piano Lisa Smith – guitar Wilhelmina Smith - cello

Juliana Snapper – soprano Harvey Sollberger - flute Thomas Stauffer - cello Virginia Sublett – soprano Orren Tanabe – baritone Alan Thomas – guitar

John Toledo - counter tenor Jennifer Torrence – percussion

Alex Tsiatas - flute

Carolyn Tyler – cello Frances-Marie Uitti – cello

Erik Ulman – violin

Mark Vanderpoel – double bass

Laura Vaughan - harp Michael Wais - double bass

Stefanie Walens - harpsichord and piano

Ashley Walters – cello Howard Wells - piano

Glen Whitehead – trumpet Diana Williams - viola

John-Sebastian Winston - flute

Lauren Wooley - guitar Patricia Wong - flute Jennifer Wu – soprano Fumi Yamamoto – soprano

Jean Yeh - violin

Joan Zelickman - violin

Robert Zelickman - clarinet and conducting

Michele Zukovsky - clarinet

Production Credits:

Päivikki Nykter and Mark Dresser, producers

Event Managers:

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Daniel Chan, Alex Fung, Kimberly Vazquez

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Sarah Schwartz, Thuy Dinh, Esther Gudiel, and Nicole Interiano

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FRANKFURT – "One of the great interpreters of modern music." (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)

MÜNCHEN – "Négyesy is a precision violinist; a hit man of intonation; his incomparable technique brought order to works in which none prevails."

- Karl Schumann (Süddeutsche Zeitung)

STUTTGART – "Paganini of new music." (Stuttgarter Nachrichten)

BERLIN – "Mr. Négyesy is a great violinist." - H.H. Stuckenschmidt (Der Tagesspiegel)

LOS ANGELES – "János Négyesy's performance of Cage's Freeman Etudes was superb."

(Los Angeles Times)

PARIS – "His intelligence, his sensibility and his reticence have contributed to give each of his inventions an unaccustomed dimension..."

(Le Monde)

HAMBURG – "...the phenomenal János Négyesy." (Hamburger Abendblatt)

TOKYO – "...the amazing violinist János Négyesy." – Hidekazu Yoshida (Ashadi Shinbun)