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**PREVIEW
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Marina Piccinini, flute & Benjamin Hochman, piano
Friday, November 5 • 8:00 PM • American Philosophical Society

Background

Recognized as one of the world's leading flute virtuosos, Marina Piccinini began her studies in Toronto with Jeanne Baxtresser before receiving BM and MM degrees from Juilliard. In 1991 she became the first flutist to be awarded an Avery Fisher Career Grant. Her latest recording is a collaboration with her husband, Andreas Haefliger, of Prokofiev and Franck sonatas. Born in Jerusalem, Benjamin Hochman is a graduate of the Curtis Institute and the Mannes College of Music, where his principal teachers were Claude Frank and Richard Goode. He recently released his first album featuring Bach's Partitas No. 4 and No. 6, Berg's Sonata, Op. 1 and Webern's Variations Op. 27.

Program

Duo for Flute and Piano

Aaron Copland

Born: November 14, 1900 in Brooklyn, NY

Died: December 2, 1990 in Tarrytown, NY

Composed: 1971

Last PCMS performance: PCMS premiere

Duration: 15 minutes

Copland composed this work at the behest of admirers of William Kincaid, the longtime first flutist of the Philadelphia Orchestra (1921-60), and it had its premiere at Settlement Music School in 1971.

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 4 (arr. Piccinini)

Felix Mendelssohn

Composed: 1824

Last PCMS performance: PCMS premiere

Duration: 20 minutes

Piccinini adapted Mendelssohn's most popular violin sonata for flute. Though it contains more than a hint of Beethovenian minor-mode storminess, Mendelssohn's formal lines and genteel manners are not obscured.

Flute Sonata, Op. 23

Lowell Liebermann

Born: 1961 in New York, NY

Composed: 1989

Last PCMS performance: PCMS premiere

Duration: 14 minutes

Commissioned by the Spoleto Festival and dedicated to Paula Robison, this sonata has become one of Liebermann's most performed works, and it has been recorded over 20 times.

Canzoniere

David Ludwig

Born: 1972 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Composed: 2002

Last PCMS performance: Philadelphia Premiere

Duration: 14 minutes

Local composer David Ludwig is on the faculty at Curtis, where he studied with Ned Rorem, Richard Danielpour and Jennifer Higdon. This sonata was premiered at Curtis and commissioned by Philadelphia Orchestra principal flute and Curtis faculty member Jeffrey Khaner.

Flute Sonata in D Major, Op. 94

Sergei Prokofiev

Born: April 23, 1891 in Russia

Died: March 5, 1953 in Moscow, Russia

Composed: 1943

Last PCMS performance: Michi Wiancko (violin) in 2010

Duration: 25 minutes

Though the violin version of this work has become more popular, the sonata was originally conceived for flute and piano and preceded it by more than a year.