

2023 Fall Concert Series

Slavic Masters

Ekstasis Duo

October 25, 2023
12:10PM



LIVE *from*
HOCHSTEIN

50 N. Plymouth Ave. • Rochester, NY • www.hochstein.org • 585.454.4596

PROGRAM

Ballade, Op. 15	Sergei Prokofiev (1891 - 1953)
Sonata in E Minor, Op. 35 I. Allegro Moderato II. Scherzo: Allegro	Dora Pejačević (1885 - 1923)
Sonata, Op. 19 III. Andante	Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943)
Ritournelle, Op. 25	Vítězslava Kaprálová (1915 - 1940)

Ekstasis Duo

Natasha Farny, cello
Eliran Avni, piano



**PUBLIC RADIO
MUSIC DAY 2023**
BUILDING COMMUNITY
THROUGH MUSIC

Today's concert is part of **Public Radio Music Day**, a nationwide celebration that recognizes public radio's essential community service and its unique role in music discovery. WXXI Classical (FM 91.5 in Rochester and FM 90.3 in Houghton), The Route (FM 88.5 in Rochester and 90.1 in Ithaca), and WEOS-FM 89.7 (Finger Lakes region) are proud to be part of a network of stations dedicated to helping listeners discover new artists and music. The celebration continues tonight from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm with a special performance by Pegasus Early Music at The Little Café (Winthrop Street). To learn more, visit [WXXI.org/events](https://www.wxxi.org/events).

The Hochstein School is grateful to Sidney & Barbara Sobel for generously providing continuous underwriting support for *Live from Hochstein* since 1993.

Today's *Live from Hochstein* performance is broadcast live and in stereo on **WXXI Classical** FM, 91.5 with host Mona Seghatoleslami.

PERFORMERS



Since their debut in 2018, the **Ekstasis Duo** has appeared on distinguished national stages such as New York's Merkin Hall, Arizona's Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts, Ohio's Holland Theater, Maryland's Resonance Chamber Music Series, and *The Strings Music Festival* in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

The duo produced their first CD, "Women's Voices," in the fall of 2021. For purchase, please visit www.ekstasisduo.com/single-project. They are currently in the finishing stages of a second CD, "...From the Shadows," to be released in the fall of 2023.

This year's programs, "Slavic Masters" and "Sophisticated Lady," can be heard in upcoming concerts at Merkin Hall in New York City, Saugerties' Pro Musica, Rochester's *Live from Hochstein*, and at the University of Albany Performing Arts Center.

The duo premiered a concerto for Cello, Piano, and Orchestra, written for them by renowned Israeli-American composer, Avner Dorman. Commissioned by a consortium that includes the Fredonia Foundation and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, the premiere took place in July 2022 with the Sewanee Summer Music Festival Orchestra, followed by an October performance with the College Symphony Orchestra in King Concert Hall at SUNY Fredonia.

Natasha (cello) and Eliran (piano) met at Juilliard. Later, as colleagues at SUNY Fredonia, they decided to perform masterpieces alongside recently-discovered jewels, with a special regard for minority figures. Ekstasis has given lectures online and in person both nationally and at an international conference on women composers in Lucca, Italy. They gave a multimedia performance involving live music and video as a result of winning Fredonia's Kasling Award and published a paper on women's compositions for cello and piano in the online journal, The College Music Society Symposium. For more information, please visit: www.ekstasisduo.com.



Hochstein would like to thank its donors and patrons for their support of our mission to provide people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with access to excellent music and dance education in a community that nurtures and encourages personal achievement.

For more information on how to support Hochstein, please visit our website at www.hochstein.org.

ENJOY THESE PERFORMANCES?

If you wish to support future *Live from Hochstein* performances for the Rochester community, please consider making a donation in the baskets provided at the exits or at <https://hochstein.org/Support>. Any checks can be made out to The Hochstein School with *Live from Hochstein* in the memo. THANK YOU!

AUDIENCE REMINDERS

- Please enter and exit the hall only during applause.
- Food and beverages are not allowed in the Performance Hall.
- Please turn off cell phones and other devices that may sound or light up during the performance. The use of cameras/recording devices is strictly prohibited.
- Restrooms are located downstairs and can be accessed from the back of the Performance Hall. Wheelchair accessible/gender neutral restrooms are in the School; please ask an usher for directions.
- Fire exits are located along the sides and rear of the Performance Hall.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK

Michael Wayne, clarinet & Chiao-Wen Cheng, piano

November 1, 2023 at 12:10PM



Hochstein programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature. Hochstein programs are also made possible by the Monroe County Legislature;
Adam Bello, Monroe County Executive.

