



December 3, 2021
12:10 p.m.
Sanctuary

Friday Noonday Concert

EStrella Piano Duo
Svetlana Belsky and Elena Doubovitskaya

— Cosponsored by Musicians Club of Women —

From *Twelve Waltzes, Op. 8* Marie Jaëll (1846–1925)

- Allegro con brio
- Animato giocoso
- Allegretto cantabile
- Allegro fuocososo

From *Three Pieces for Piano/Four Hands*. Fanny Hensel–Mendelssohn (1805–1847)

- I. Allegretto

La Valse Maurice Ravel (1875–1937), arr. L. Garban

From *Pieces Romantique* Cécile Chaminade (1857–1944)

- Danse Hindo
- Rigaudon

From *Six Valses – Caprice*. Mélanie Bonis (1858–1937)

- I. Moderato
- II. Vivo
- III. Poco Lento
- IV. Allegretto

Russian Dance from *Petrouchka*. Igor Stravinsky (1882–1971)

Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor*. Alexander Borodin (1833–1887), arr. N. Sokolova

- Andantino
- Presto

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The EStrella Duo burst onto the musical scene in 2011 with a series of concerts celebrating the great Russian masterpieces for piano duet. Their first performance evoked raves of “technical brilliance” and “infectious joy in music making.” The second drew a standing-room-only crowd. Since then, they have performed widely to enthusiastic audiences and critical acclaim throughout the United States, Canada, and China. In 2018 the Duo was awarded a Global Music Award Silver medal for their critically acclaimed new CD, *Tales from the East*, featuring stories of adventure, magic, and romance by Russian composers. In 2019 the CD was awarded an Honorable Mention by the American Prize Competition.

EStrella’s repertoire includes, besides the usual favorites, many rarely-heard, fascinating works that most duos fear to touch. Their programs are always musically profound, but also virtuosic, often acrobatic, and occasionally humorous, always with introductions that draw the listeners into the music. EStrellas’s upcoming year will again take the Duo all over the United States, with numerous repeat engagements.

Elena Doubovitskaya and Svetlana Belsky are accomplished pianists in their own right. Between the two, they have been heard throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States. Their concert credits include Carnegie (Weill) Hall, Kiev Philharmonic Hall, Chicago Symphony Center, St. Petersburg Rimsky-Korsakoff Museum, Baptist University of Hong Kong, and Ravinia and Tanglewood Music Festivals, among many others. Critics praise them for “marvelous and extraordinary playing” and “confidence and élan.” Elena and Svetlana are also accomplished teachers, who enjoy sharing their love for music with new generations of pianists. They are both members of Musicians Club of Women.

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and **Wednesday, December 8** *Presented by Symphony Center Presents; tickets at cso.org*

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