


MURASAKI DUO



Eric Kutz
cello

Miko Kominami
piano

In Concert

8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 23, 2000

in the Campus Auditorium, Northside Hall,

Indiana University South Bend

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Eric Kutz, cello Miko Kominami, piano

Seven Variations on a Theme of Mozart, WoO 46

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Fairy Tale (Pohádka)

Con moto

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Allegro

Leoš Janáček
(1854-1928)

Le Grand Tango

Astor Piazzolla
(1921-1992)

INTERMISSION

Sonata No. 2 in F Major, Op. 99

Allegro vivace

Adagio affettuoso

Allegro passionato

Allegro molto

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

The Murasaki Duo

Since its founding in 1996, the **Murasaki Duo** has been dedicated to performing the cello and piano literature as chamber music. It has concertized throughout the United States and Canada, including concerts in New York City and Toronto, and has won recognition as one of the leading ensembles of its genre.

A highly regarded chamber musician, cellist **Eric Kutz** has captivated audiences throughout both North America and Europe. Mr. Kutz is the cellist of the Chester String Quartet, hailed by the *Boston Globe* as "one of the best and brightest of the country's young string quartets," and by the *Los Angeles Times* as having "irrepressible energy and unflagging good taste." Recent tours have taken the Quartet to Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

In 1997 Mr. Kutz traveled to the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow as a visiting artist, performing new chamber works by American composers. Other performance highlights include a tour of Germany and a concert in New York's Avery Fisher Hall as part of Lincoln Center's Mozart Bicentennial celebration.

Active also as an orchestral musician, Mr. Kutz has appeared frequently in the section of the New York Philharmonic and is a member of the Grant Park Symphony in Chicago. He has been the principal cellist of the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra and the Juilliard Orchestra, and has performed under the batons of such conductors as Sir Georg Solti, Kurt Masur, and Seiji Ozawa. Mr. Kutz has appeared as soloist with orchestras in Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

Mr. Kutz received his Bachelor of Music Degree *magna cum laude* from Rice University, where he studied with Norman Fischer. His Master of Music Degree is from the Juilliard School in New York, where he was a



scholarship student of Joel Krosnick. Presently he is preparing his dissertation as a Doctoral candidate at Juilliard, and is Associate Professor of Cello at Indiana University South Bend. He performs on a beautiful cello by Raffaele Fiorini (Bologna, 1877).

Acclaimed by *New York Concert Review* as "both a virtuosic and a musically performer," **Miko Kominami** is fast emerging as one of Canada's most engaging pianists. An advocate for new music, she premiered *Evening Serenade* by American composer Philip Wharton, commissioned for her 1996 New York Debut

Recital at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall.

Since then, Ms. Kominami has concertized extensively throughout North America, including halls in New York City, Boston, Toronto, Connecticut, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. Other recent appearances include concerts at the Juilliard School, Yale University, Boston Conservatory, Western Connecticut State University, Indiana University South Bend, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Toronto, and McMaster University. Ms. Kominami is the recipient of numerous awards and prizes including the New York Artists International Award, a Canada Council Arts Grant, and First Prize at the 1996 Concerto Soloists' Competition in Philadelphia.

Ms. Kominami holds both Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees from the Juilliard School in New York City, as well as the Piano Performance Certificate from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Her principal teachers were Oxana Yablonskaya and Alla Zaccarelli. Ms. Kominami is currently a piano faculty member at both the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend.

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