Welcome to the 12th season of our beloved Master Players Concert Series at the University of Delaware. In today’s world of 7.2 billion individuals, I believe we can always use more live music, and the University has orchestrated an exceptional season of entertainment for you and your friends and family in our corner of the world.

The season opening concert’s irresistible romantic program will serve classical music lovers as their “meat and potatoes,” coupled with 10 years of stories and memories of the special UD Ceruti violin that I have the honor to play. Then during Homecoming Weekend, Master Players will feature one of my all-time favorite string quartets, the Juilliard String Quartet. In early December to kick off the holiday season, the popular UD Chorale will join the Cartoon Christmas Trio to perform the most attended pops event of the series, Master Players Holiday Pops (for which we offer $5 tickets for children ages 5-14).

In the spring, Renee and I plan to celebrate Valentine’s Day by enjoying a rare concert performed by one of the best brass bands in the world, the Cory Band from Great Britain, followed by the post-concert celebration and workshop. In March, supported by UD’s English Language Institute and the College of Arts and Sciences’ Artist-in-Residence (AiR) program, Master Players’ ensemble-in-residence 6ixwire will collaborate with world renowned artists, as well as selected UD and UD ELI students from five continents to perform a scintillating world music concert, iMusic IX, in the highlight of the season. We will also present multiple related workshops, open forums and musical events throughout the year. In April, for the first time...
in history and under the legendary direction of Martin Katz, we will present an unconventional version of Mozart’s opera, *The Magic Flute*, during which extraordinary opera singers, a storyteller and creative multimedia elements will build rapport between the artists and audience ages 5 and up ($5 tickets for children ages 5-14 are also available for this event).

This season, Master Players and 6ixwire are also honored to have received a prestigious 2015 grant awarded by Chamber Music America that enables 6ixwire and other elite musicians to present 15 free-of-charge community outreach concerts serving the underserved and underprivileged communities of our region.

After the successful inaugural international Master Players summer music festival designed to make Delaware a true cultural destination, please watch for the 2nd annual *Master Players Festival* schedule to be announced in March.

We sincerely thank UD’s College of Arts and Sciences for its generous support, and feel lucky to have so many University administrators and faculty join us as we cultivate our own Blue Hens, as well as students in the tri-state region, to become the next generation of international business, academic and political leaders and patrons of the arts. Specifically, we thank the Office of the Provost for the kind support as part of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Arts@UD initiative, a new program designed to promote international arts engagement and support UD’s new strategic plan, *Delaware Will Shine*.

As an energetic cultural ambassador of the University under the leadership of our Advisory Council, Master Players is a local treasure that will continue to grow as an organization with your support and leadership, and you can count on us to accompany you while you *Explore Your Horizons*! On behalf of all staff members and the guest artists of Master Players 15-16 season, I thank you and look forward to seeing you in the audience during our concerts.

In music,

Xiang Gao, Producing Artistic Director

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Welcome to the 12th season of the University of Delaware’s Master Players Concert Series!

This season features a variety of distinguished artists, including the Juilliard String Quartet; the eight-time No. 1 world-ranked Cory Brass Band from the UK; and the outstanding UD Chorale, to name a few. From jazz, opera and Charlie Brown to Brahms and Mozart, there is something sure to entice everyone’s musical palate.

Based on audience feedback from last year, we scheduled concerts in either the late afternoon or early evening so you can enjoy both the performance and a post-concert dinner in one of downtown Newark’s many fine establishments.

We are grateful for sponsorship of the series by the Delaware Division of the Arts, the University of Delaware, UD’s College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Music, as well as generous contributions from our many audience members.

I invite you to join us in the convenient and intimate setting of UD’s Newark campus for another great season of incredible music.

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SEASON OPENING RECITAL

This concert celebrates the 10-year anniversary of UD’s historical purchase of the rare violin made in 1794 by master Italian maker G.B. Ceruti, to be played worldwide by founding artistic director Xiang Gao as a symbol of the University’s commitment to excellence in the arts. The event features chamber music masterpieces by Franck, Sarasate, Dvorak and Brahms. Mr. Gao, UD Trustees Distinguished Professor of Music and recipient of the Delaware Governor’s Award in the Arts, performs alongside collaborative pianist Rita Sloan from the University of Maryland, award-winning concert cellist Bo Li of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and emerging concert violinist Anna Luce (BM ’08).

Free-of-charge master classes with Rita Sloan (piano) in Gore Recital Hall, Anna Luce (violin ’08) in Loudis Recital Hall, and Bo Li (cello) in Puglisi Orchestra Hall will be held from 1:25-2:15 p.m. on Friday, October 2.

Master Players gently reminds you that Gore Recital Hall only seats 200.

“Unbeatable performance! Gao’s blend of emotion and technique, strength and subtlety was a pleasure to witness.”

— The Washington Post
The Art of String Quartet III

THE JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET
A special homecoming event co-presented by the UD Office of Development and Alumni Relations

Entering its third year, The Art of String Quartet series is a Master Players tradition that brings many of today’s extraordinary string quartets to the tri-state region. This year, we proudly present the MVPs of the chamber music world in their Master Players debut. Founded in 1946, the Juilliard String Quartet is widely known as the quintessential American string quartet. For nearly seven decades, this quartet has made manifest the credo of its founders to “play new works as if they were established masterpieces and established masterpieces as if they were new.” The Juilliard String Quartet features violinists Joseph Lin and Ronald Copes, violist Roger Tapping, and cellist Joel Krosnick in his final season with the ensemble. The program includes string quartet compositions by Schubert, Wernick (world premiere), and Debussy.

Please note the premium price of $50 (for all buyers) for this special event is not part of our subscription. 50 tickets with 20 percent discount exclusively reserved for UD alumni are available on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting the REP Box Office at 302-831-2204 (no order form or online purchase available) THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2015. Alumni are requested to state contact information and the special discount code of “Homecoming Master Players.”

“Each of the four has a notably beautiful tone, a sound that sings out but also blends. They show a shared understanding of the music they play; every bow stroke adds to its meaning and its integrity.”

—Chicago Tribune

A free-of-charge master class with the Juilliard String Quartet will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, in Gore Recital Hall.

Due to the fact that more than 70 presale tickets have already been booked, Master Players gently reminds you that Gore Recital Hall only seats 200.
Master Players Holiday Pops

UD CHORALE AND THE CARTOON CHRISTMAS TRIO

After last year’s sold-out Holiday Pops event featuring the Canadian Brass, Master Players is proud to continue to treat family audiences with this popular regional tradition. Regarded as one of the top college choirs in the United States, the University of Delaware Chorale has won numerous awards at international music competitions. Under its acclaimed director Dr. Paul D. Head, the UD Chorale returns for their third appearance with Master Players. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Cartoon Christmas Jazz Trio was created with the sole purpose of playing music from classic Christmas cartoons, particularly Vince Guaraldi’s “Peanuts” soundtracks. The trio’s sold-out jazz performances have since become one of the most popular annual holiday events in the region. During this festive family-oriented event, the two ensembles will collaborate to put the whole family in the holiday spirit.

Special single ticket price of $5 for children ages 5 to 14 made possible by a private gift is not a part of our subscription. School group tickets can be arranged at the price of $5 by calling the REP Box Office at 302-831-2204.

Saturday Dec. 5
3:00 pm

MITCHELL HALL
Great Bands of the World

THE CORY BAND

The first installment in Master Players’ Great Bands of the World series features the world-renowned Cory Band introduced by Dr. Richard B. Fischer, the Chair of Master Players Advisory Council. On Valentine’s Day, Master Players is honored to be a part of the Wales-based band’s first American tour since 1976. Formed in 1884, the Cory Band is one of the oldest and best-known brass bands in the world. Over the decades they have won many awards, including World Music Contest Champions (four times), National Champions of Great Britain (six times), and most recently were named the European Brass Band Champions for the fifth time. The band is dedicated to new music and the advancement of the Brass Band genre. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for local band lovers and music fans alike to celebrate the romantic holiday!

Due to the popularity of the Cory Band and the already sold-out status of some concerts on their historical American Tour, advance purchase is strongly recommended. Group reservations (groups of 10 or more) with 10 percent discount can be arranged by calling the REP Box Office at 302-831-2204.

“In ‘thinking up’ music I usually have some kind of a brass band with wings on it in back of my mind.”

—Charles Ives

A free-of-charge band workshop with the Cory Band for local bands in our audience to celebrate this great musical tradition will be held immediately following the concert. To reserve space for this workshop, please book your tickets first and then contact Master Players General Manager Melissa Kitchen at masterplayers@udel.edu.
iMusic IX

6IXWIRE AROUND THE WORLD (WORLD PREMIERE)

Co-presented by the UD English Language Institute (ELI)

After their last Master Players appearance in spring 2013, the world traveling Master Players Ensemble-in-Residence 6ixwire returns to perform a large-scale world music concert featuring collaborators from Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Africa. Produced by 6ixwire founding member Xiang Gao in collaboration with UD’s outstanding English Language Institute (ELI) under the direction of Dr. Scott G. Stevens, this event will celebrate world culture with a top quality performance that is second to none. With original ideas, inspiring music, edgy visual art, and memorable literature created by world-class artists and participating UD and UD ELI students, this concert features the world premiere of new music compositions with multimedia installations in the highlight of the 15-16 season.

Multiple free-of-charge workshops, open forums and musical events will be presented and announced throughout the year.

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

—Plato
The Magic Flute
A CONCERT OPERA AND SEASON FINALE

This concert is co-sponsored by UD Institute for Global Studies (IGS)

Master Players’ inaugural opera production will feature the internationally acclaimed opera director and conductor Martin Katz in a concert version of one of the most popular operas of all time, *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This family-friendly event weaves a beautiful and timeless tale of love, adventure and magic, as told by the Master Players Chamber Orchestra, a story teller, and eight leading vocalists from the opera world. As part of the unconventional and creative tradition of Master Players, original and stunning visual elements will be created to compliment the uniquely compelling storytelling. This production marks Master Players’ first collaboration with UD Opera Theatre and Opera Delaware to create opera productions that will feed the imagination and win the hearts of cross-generational audiences.

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Master Players Community Outreach Program

RESIDENCY PARTNERSHIP WITH CHAMBER MUSIC AMERICA

Master Players and its Ensemble-in-Residence 6ixwire are nationally honored to have received a prestigious grant from Chamber Music America supporting our inaugural community outreach program this season. As ambassadors of the University of Delaware, 6ixwire will perform free-of-charge lecture concerts at various local schools, libraries, community centers and medical facilities to bring chamber and world music to underserved and underprivileged communities. Master Players Community Partners benefiting from this program include Bayard Middle School, Cab Calloway School for the Arts, the Mary Campbell Center, New Castle County Library System, Newark Charter School, Newark High School, Newark Senior Center, St. Andrew’s School, UD’s Community Music School and the Tatnall School. For an up-to-date performance schedule, please visit our website and click “Education.” For more information about 6ixwire, please visit www.6ixwireproject.com.

Join us! We welcome more community partners to join Master Players to benefit from the program. For more information on how to become a partner, please contact general manager Melissa Kitchen at masterplayers@udel.edu.
Masters Players Festival

After the international music festival’s success this past summer, Master Players proudly announces the second annual Master Players Festival (MPF) in summer 2016. Talented music majors will be selected from elite music institutions worldwide to attend our festival on UD’s beautiful Newark campus, with the opportunity to work with professional concert artists and pedagogues in master classes, chamber music coaching sessions, orchestral rehearsals and private lessons, in addition to sharing the stage with some of those inspiring faculty artists to make their dreams come true.

The all-star MPF faculty includes leading members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the National Symphony, the New York Philharmonic and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as performing faculty from such esteemed institutions as the Curtis Institute of Music, the Royal Scottish Conservatory, the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University, the Manhattan School of Music, University of Delaware, Temple University, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, China Central Conservatory of Music, Shanghai Conservatory of Music, East China Normal University, Xiamen University, Capital Normal University in Beijing and China Conservatory of Music.

For more up-to-date information about 2016 MPF free and ticketed events, please sign up for our newsletter on our website, at our concerts, during ticket ordering or visit our website and click “Festival” after March 1, 2016.
Ticketing Information

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES**
For advance ticket sales there is a $3 processing fee per total single ticket order and $3 processing fee per subscription order. There is no “per-ticket” fee.

*To order advance tickets:*
- **By mail:** Fill out the order form, include your check or Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express number and mail it to: REP Box Office, Roselle Center for the Arts, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716
- **By fax:** Fax order form to 302-831-0358
- **By phone:** Call 302-831-2204, Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m.
- **Online:** For single tickets only, visit our website at masterplayers.udel.edu
- **In person:** Stop by the REP Box Office in the Roselle Center for the Arts between noon and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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*A five concert subscription with 15% discount is:*
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- $43 Students

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- $36 Students

Please note: Juilliard String Quartet special event is not eligible for subscription.

To reserve group Holiday Pops and Magic Flute concert tickets for school groups at $5 each, please contact the REP Box Office at 302-831-2204. (Ticket processing and printing fees apply.)

Remaining tickets are sold 60 minutes prior to each concert.

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Single or season subscription tickets to Master Players concerts are wonderful gifts for friends and family!
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(Please make a separate check payable to the University of Delaware for donations and write “Master Players” in the memo part.)

Mail order form to: REP Box Office, Roselle Center for the Arts, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716
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General Public parking is recommended in the CFA Parking Garage between South Main (Elkton Road) and Amstel Avenue.

The parking charge for the CFA Parking Garage is $2 per hour or part thereof, with a maximum charge of $10. The CFA Parking Garage accepts cash and credit cards.

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