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HONEST BROOK
MUSIC FESTIVAL

Presents

Thomas Mesa, cello



Aya Yakushev, piano

2021 SUMMER SEASON
JULY 17

THE ARTISTS



Cuban American cellist **Thomas Mesa** won First Prize in the 2016 Sphinx Competition, the Thaviu Competition for String Performance in Chicago in 2013, the Astral Artists 2017 National Auditions, and the Alhambra Orchestra Concerto Competition. He has appeared as soloist with orchestras in the United States and Mexico, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, Santa Barbara Symphony, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra. As a recitalist, his appearances include the Mainly Mozart Festival, The Academy of Arts and Letters in New York, Bargemusic, University of Miami's Signature Series, and the Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series. Mr. Mesa has given Master Classes at institutions such as U.C. Berkeley, Boston Conservatory, and Northwestern University. He has held faculty positions at Sphinx Performance Academy, The Heifetz Institute's PEG Program, Music Mountain Festival and School, Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, Montecito International Music Festival, St. Petersburg International Music Academy, and The Mozart Academy at John Jay College in New York City. Mr. Mesa received his Bachelor's in Music from The Juilliard School, Master's from Northwestern University, and is a doctoral candidate at Manhattan School of Music.

For more info, go to: www.thomasmesacello.com



In the 2018-19 season, Russian pianist **Ilya Yakushev** performed as piano soloist with Edmonton Symphony, Cheyenne Symphony, Zacatecas Symphony, and Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra in addition to over 50 recitals in North America and Europe. Highlights of Yakushev's 2019/20 season include return appearances with the Millikin Decatur Symphony, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Fairfield County Orchestra, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Zacatecas Symphony, and Hunterdon Symphony. He will also play recitals in the U.S. and Russia. Yakushev was the winner of the 2005 World Piano Competition in Cincinnati. He received his first award at age 12 as a prizewinner of the Young Artists Concerto Competition in his native St. Petersburg in 1997 and Mayor of St. Petersburg's Young Talents Award in both 1997 and 1998. In 1998, Yakushev received The Award for Excellence in Performance, a national honor, presented by the Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation in Moscow. Mr. Yakushev attended the Rimsky-Korsakov College of Music in his native St. Petersburg, Russia, and subsequently came to New York to attend the Mannes College of Music, where he studied with legendary pianist Vladimir Feltsman.

For more info, go to: www.ilyayakushev.com

Program

Beethoven (1770-1827) Cello Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 69
Allegro, ma non tanto
Allegro molto
Adagio cantabile - Allegro vivace

Piazzolla (1921-1992) Oblivion

Rachmaninoff (1873-1943) Cello Sonata in G minor, Op. 19
Lento - Allegro moderato
Allegro scherzando
Andante
Allegro mosso

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August 1 @ 4pm - The Claremont Trio
August 8 @ 4pm - Albert Cano Smit, piano

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