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Bay Area musicians, Olga and Sergey Rakitchenkov Photo provided Surprise your Valentine with a heartwarming program of music for harp and viola. Gold Coast Chamber Players presents "Russian Valentine" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 and provides an intimate glimpse into the musical and romantic lives of two legendary Bay Area musicians, Olga and Sergey Rakitchenkov.

The program offers two pieces for viola and harp by Claude Debussy, Girl with the Flaxen Hair and Romance as well as Debussy's iconic Arabesques for solo harp. Select movements from Max Reger's Suite No. 1 for solo viola as well as Reger's rarely performed Romance are included. Music written for the couple by Dmitri Smirnov called Shadow and Light and Duo for viola and harp by local composer Shinji Eshima will complete this heartwarming program.

After the concert, the couple will be available on Zoom for audience questions and socializing. Single tickets

\$20. Concerts are live-streamed via YouTube LIVE. Purchase online at www.GCCPmusic.com or by calling (925) 283-3728.

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