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Gold Coast Chamber Players announce virtual concerts for 2021

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Cello/bass duo 2LOW Photo provided

Gold Coast Chamber Players continue their virtual concerts in 2021 with an ambitious series of six new programs. The 2020 Fall Series, Bach Shorts, featured leading Bay Area cellists in an intimate exploration of Bach's Cello Suites. Main Stage Concerts, which begins in this month, celebrates love and diversity. Virtual links remain available for one week following the concert date.

Cello/bass duo 2LOW from the San Francisco Symphony begins the 2021 Main Stage Concerts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 with music by Handel, Bottesini and Rossini. Special guests, soprano Isabel Yang and pianist Keisuke Nakagoshi provide the "plus" for the title, 2LOW+.

Next is Russian Valentine at 4 p.m. Feb. 14 featuring Olga and Sergey Rakitchenkov illustrating their love story with music for viola and harp. Sphinx and Sitkovetsky on Feb. 28 is a collaboration between legendary Dmitry Sitkovetsky and two leading Sphinx artists celebrating diversity in the arts.

On March 20 at 7 p.m. the Delphi Trio and violist Pamela Freund-Striplen team up for Love Story, a program celebrating a 19th century power couple: Clara and Robert Schumann.

The Bay Area Music Consortium, a group of chamber music organizations including Gold Coast Chamber Players, team up to present Music Around the Bay, a dazzling mix of local ensembles at 7 p.m. on April 10. Quinteto Latino, Friction Quartet, Alam Khan (tabla player), and Stars Aligned Siblings are featured.

Completing the Main Stage Concerts is Dvorak's America, exploring the impact of spirituals and Native American music on Dvořák during his time in America. The Alexander String Quartet, soprano Michele Kennedy, Native American flutist Mary Youngblood, and violist Pamela Freund-Striplen are featured.

Main Stage Series tickets are \$120. Single tickets \$20-30. Concerts are live-streamed via YouTube LIVE. Purchase online at www.GCCPmusic.com or by calling (925) 283-3728. Please visit gccpmusic.com to find regular updates about concert offerings, to make donations, and to purchase tickets.

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