

THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY VIOLIN VIRTUOSI

The Indiana University Violin Virtuosi is a unique collection of fifteen violinists between the ages of 11 and 18 who perform as soloists and as a violin ensemble. Their repertoire includes the music of Bach, Brahms, Bartok, Kreisler, Prokofiev, Vivaldi, Shostakovich, Sibelius, Telemann, Dinuciu-Heifetz and many innovative contemporary compositions which have been written for the ensemble.

The performers are gifted students who study at the Indiana University String Academy. They live in Bloomington and as far away as 300 miles. They are immersed in an intense musical curriculum of weekly private lessons, chamber music, theory, master classes, and Violin Virtuosi rehearsals. The Violin Virtuosi have performed throughout the world. In June 2003 the Virtuosi completed their fourth successful tour of France, and in June 2004 were enthusiastically received on their tour of Japan. The Virtuosi have been featured on the NPR program, "From the Top" and in June 2002, performed a benefit concert for the Harlem School for Strings-OPUS 118 at Carnegie Recital Hall. This coming March, the Virtuosi will be performing in Sweden and Spain, and in August 2006 will present the Beethoven Violin Sonatas in Italy. Many of the students have won local and national competitions and aspire to be professional violinists. Those that decide to pursue other careers take with them a love and understanding of music developed over many years of study.

The String Academy and Mimi Zweig are recent recipients of a grant from the Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation.

Mimi Zweig is currently a professor of music and director of the IU String Academy. Since 1972 she has developed children's string programs across the United States. Ms. Mimi Zweig is director of the Indiana University String Academy and Professor of Violin and Viola. She leads master classes and pedagogy workshops in the United States and Europe. She has recently produced StringPedagogy.com, an innovative web-based teaching tool. The String Academy and Mimi Zweig are recent recipients of a Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation grant. Her students have won numerous competitions and teach and perform worldwide.

Brenda Brenner is an assistant professor of music and assistant director of the String Academy at Indiana University. She is an active teacher and performer of chamber music throughout the United States. Ms. Brenner is a recipient of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music.

Chih-Yi Chen, pianist, is currently on the faculty of the Indiana University String Academy. She is pursuing a doctorate in Piano Performance at Indiana University with Luba Edlina Dubinsky. Active in chamber music, accompanying and teaching, she performs often in Taiwan and has been the pianist for the String Academy since 1994.

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THE MIDWEST CLINIC
THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY VIOLIN VIRTUOSI
(Sponsored by WH Lee Violin Shop, Chicago)
Mimi Zweig, Director
Brenda Brenner, Assistant Director
Chih-Yi Chen, Piano
Wednesday, December 14, 2005
Hilton Hotel – Williford Room
1 PM

Concerto for Four Violins in D Major Adagio-Allegro-Grave-Allegro	Telemann
Scherzo Tarantella Stephanie Zyzak	Wieniawski
Tzigane Thomas Rodgers	Ravel
Four Pieces, Op. 7 Hungarian Dance in A Minor	Webern Brahms
Original Theme and Variations Peter Vickery	Wieniawski
Praeludium and Allegro	Kreisler

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Brian Allen, Caroline Gilbert, Kevin Gilbert, Sangwoo Kim,
Richard Lidell, Jungmin Lee, Jieun Lee, Jon Nakajima,
Kevin Nichols, John Sanderson, Johna Smith, Thomas Rodgers,
Peter Vickery, Daniel Wunderle, Stephanie Zyzak

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