

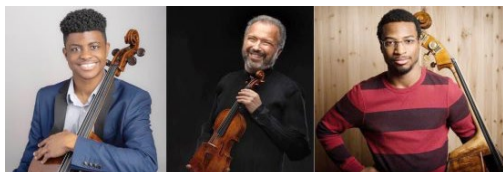


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GCCP presents 'Sphinx and Sitkovetsky' Feb. 28

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Gold Coast Chamber Players continue its virtual concerts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 with "Sphinx and Sitkovetsky," the third of six Main Stage Virtual Concerts in 2021 that celebrate love and diversity.



"Sphinx and Sitkovetsky" features legendary violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky in a rare personal exploration of his career including as soloist, founder of the New European Strings Orchestra, and his work with the Sphinx Organization. The program will be a meaningful way to conclude Black History Month celebrations.

Photos provided

Sitkovetsky has worked closely with Sphinx Founder Aaron Dworkin to mentor emerging musicians and has personally selected two to perform for Gold Coast audiences. Sphinx artist, bassist, Xavier Foley is known for communicating his virtuosity and passion for music on the double bass, which is rarely presented as a solo

instrument. He is winner of a prestigious 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant and has won the 2016 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, a Paiko Foundation Fellowship, and First Prizes at Astral's 2014 National Auditions, Sphinx's 2014 Competition, and the 2011 International Society of Bassists Competition. Foley has performed as soloist with many orchestras including the Atlanta Symphony and Philadelphia Orchestra. Also a composer, he was co-commissioned by Carnegie Hall and the Sphinx Organization for a new work entitled "For Justice and Peace" for Violin, Bass, and String Orchestra. He will be performing Bach and two original compositions, Irish Fantasy and Iranian Folk Song.

Sphinx artist, cellist Sterling Elliott has soloed with the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland and Boston Symphonies and has performed in Carnegie Hall and at the 2019 World Economic Forum in Davos Switzerland. Mr. Elliott will be performing a movement from Cesar Franck's Sonata and Luigi Dallapiccolo's Ciaccona.

The program also includes interviews with the artists. Single tickets \$20. Concerts are live-streamed via YouTube LIVE. Purchase online at www.GCCPmusic.com or by calling (925) 283-3728. Please visit

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