

WINTERTHUR WELCOMES RENOWNED CLASSICAL MUSICIANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Two Performances Reflect Collaboration with University of Delaware Master Players Concert Series

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library will host world-renowned classical musicians for two inspired concerts during the holiday season, in the new “Master Players at Winterthur” program.

Sixwire, a violin duo, will perform a concert for Winterthur Members only on Sunday, December 7, from 4:30 -- 5:30 pm. The second concert will be open to the public and feature **Great Musical Families** on Sunday, January 11, from 3:00 -- 4:30 pm.

“Live music has always been a part of the culture here at Winterthur,” said Kristine S. Craig, Director, Membership. “We hosted a number of *Music Along the Bank* concerts this past summer, and, during Yuletide this holiday season, we will continue our popular *Jazz & Wine* concerts as well as have live piano music playing at various times.”

Yuletide at Winterthur opens Saturday, November 22, and features the early 20th-century holiday celebrations of Henry Francis du Pont and his family at their American country estate. The classical holiday concerts add a rich dimension of programming around this favorite annual attraction. The concerts resulted from a new collaboration with the University of Delaware Master Players Concert Series, thanks to Winterthur Director David P. Roselle and Master Players Founding Artistic Director Xiang Gao.

Sixwire is a world-traveling crossover duo featuring Gao on the western violin and Cathy Yang on the erhu (a two-string Chinese violin). Since 2010, the ensemble has played music uniting Eastern and Western cultures in original and creative ways. In addition, Gao has performed solo with more than 100 symphony orchestras worldwide. He created the University of Delaware Master Players Concert Series – the fastest-growing unconventional concert series in Delaware – and music productions to promote cultural understanding and exchange while revising the way live music is experienced. The December program at Winterthur will feature compositions ranging from classical to Chinese folk, to crossover, and world music.

The Great Musical Families concert will feature baritone Jonathan Lasch and his wife, soprano Caitlin Lynch, performing opera arias, art songs, and Broadway tunes. They will be joined by collaborative pianist and vocal coach Lydia Qiu.

Music lovers can look forward to more live performances to accompany Winterthur’s world-class collection.

“While our general intent is to bring beautiful music to our members and guests during the holiday season, we certainly anticipate future concerts,” Craig said.

Tickets for both concerts are \$15 for adult Members and \$10 for student Members (ages 12-17). Please note that the first concert, on December 7, is open only to Winterthur Members. For the second concert on January 11 that is open to the public, non-member adult tickets are \$25 and non-member student tickets are \$15. To order tickets, call 800.448.3883 or 302.888.4600. Guests may become Winterthur Members when ordering.

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Violin duo Sixwire features University of Delaware Master Players Founding Artistic Director Xiang Gao and Cathy Yang.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children’s garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

Museum hours

10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Tuesday- Sunday.

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Winterthur is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907, or visit winterthur.org.



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Both concerts will be held in the Copeland Lecture Hall in the Winterthur Visitor Center. Tickets cover attendance at the concert only.

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