

First Presbyterian Church New Haven

704 Whitney Ave. | New Haven, CT 06511

Sunday May 17, 2026, 3:00 pm

Concert by The Lillibridge Ensemble

for the benefit of

The New Haven Immigrants Coalition

Sonata in G major for Violin and Piano, op. 78

Johannes Brahms

Vivace ma non troppo
Adagio
Allegro molto moderato

Raphael Ryger, *violin* and Madeleine Forte, *piano*

Five Pieces for Two Violins and Piano

Dmitri Shostakovich

Prelude
Gavotte
Elegy
Waltz
Polka

Raphael Ryger and David Clampitt, *violins*, Karen Ryger, *piano*

Piano Quintet in F minor, op. 34

Johannes Brahms

Allegro non troppo
Andante, un poco Adagio
Scherzo—Allegro
Finale—Poco sostenuto; Allegro non troppo; Presto, non troppo

Raphael Ryger and David Clampitt, *violins*, Krystyana Czeiner, *viola*,
Karen Ryger, *'cello*, and Madeleine Forte, *piano*

RAPHAEL AND KAREN RYGER, violinist and 'cellist, met as Juilliard School students in a string quartet coached by the renowned Budapest String Quartet. They have performed widely in both Israel and the U.S. Raphael is in his 40th season as Concertmaster of Orchestra New England, and Karen, a former member of the Jerusalem String Quartet and the Israel Chamber Orchestra, now appears regularly with area groups, including the Lillibridge Ensemble.

DAVID CLAMPITT, violinist, is Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University, formerly Associate Professor in the Music Department of Yale University. Following violin studies at Manhattan School of Music, he played with Orchestra of New York, the Algonquin String Quartet, the Morningside Piano Trio, Prometheus, and other ensembles. A member of the Miles Road String Quartet, he lectures on and coaches chamber music in many cities in the U.S. and in Europe.

KRYSTYANA CZEINER, violinist and violist, has made her mark in the music world with dual degrees from Juilliard, a Grammy Award, and contributions to platinum and gold records. She was a student of Dorothy Delay, Robert Mann, Felix Galimir, and Louise Behrend and she has made notable appearances at the Aspen Music Festival, Sarasota Music Festival, Carnegie Hall and was featured in the Delay Starling Symposium. Beyond performing, Krystyana is dedicated to music education and classical music accessibility, and serves on the board of trustees for several arts organizations.

MADELEINE FORTE, pianist, received the Josef Lhevinne Memorial Award at the Juilliard School. She offered scholarships to American and foreign students at Boise State University where she taught for twenty-six years. She has toured on five continents. *The New Yorker* praised "Forte's gorgeous tone and sensuous line...[evoking] classic French pianism...[from the] chaste simplicity of the *Sonatine* to the virtuosic 'Gaspard de la Nuit,' in which no prisoners are taken and no notes dropped." Website: <https://madeleineforte.github.io>



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