

ABSTRACT

Title of Dissertation: THE VIRTUOSO VIOLINIST AS COMPOSER
FROM THE BAROQUE PERIOD THROUGH
THE 20TH CENTURY: COMPOSITIONAL
INSIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS

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Investigation of violin works written by virtuoso violinists reveals ways that extraordinary understanding of the violin may impact composition for that instrument, especially regarding mechanics and tessitura, creation of virtuoso effects, and development of innovative instrumental and compositional techniques. For this dissertation project I studied and performed works spanning the Baroque period through modern times in three recorded recitals with collaborative pianist Ilya Sinaisky at the University of Maryland, College Park.

One goal was to examine compositional styles and innovations within the context of each of several distinct musical periods. Whereas the compositional language and structure of selected works by Antonio Vivaldi, W. A. Mozart, and T. A. Vitali — representing the Baroque (1600–1750) and Classical (1730–1820) periods — appears straightforward and uncomplicated, in line with the characteristic compositional trends of that time, these

compositions have a profound musical effect and are challenging to play. The Romantic (1815–1910) style, represented in this project by composers Wieniawski and Vieuxtemps, is, in contrast, a combination of more complicated technical effects with passionate melodic lines. The compositional language of the 20th century may incorporate new ideas with those from any of the previous periods. Ernest Bloch's Suite No. 1 for Solo Violin (1958) contains modern compositional elements, while the overall structure of the work is Baroque in style. Selections by Ottorino Respighi and Grażyna Bacewicz also provided representative modern specimens. Surprisingly, Respighi's Six Pieces (1902–1905) did not lie as well on the violin as I had expected. Respighi's highest priority seems to have been overall musical impact versus apt violinistic writing. I was particularly pleased to learn of and present Bacewicz's Partita (1955). While Bacewicz is well-known in Europe, American audiences and performers are less familiar with her work.

My interest in the compositions I selected also stemmed from their distinct place in the repertoire. Violinists generally view the works of violinist composers with fond regard due to their unique understanding not only of the technical potential of the instrument but also its expressive qualities. I have relished the opportunity for musical and professional growth in exploring these great compositions intensively.

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The Virtuoso Violinist as Composer: The Romantic Period

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Henri Vieuxtemps	Ballade and Polonaise, Op.38
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Program II

The Virtuoso Violinist as Composer: The Baroque and Classical Periods

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Program III

The Virtuoso Violinist as Composer: The 20th-Century Period

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Ernest Bloch	Suite No.1 for Violin Solo (1958)
Grażyna Bacewicz	Partita (1955)

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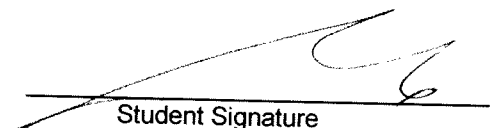
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Min Jung Kim

Violin

with

Ilya Sinaisky

Piano

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Virtuoso Violinist as Composer:
The Romantic Period**

April 21, 2005 at 8PM
Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall
Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland



PROGRAM

OTTORINO RESPIGHI (1879-1936)
Six pieces (1902-1905)
 Berceuse
 Melodia
 Leggenda
 Valse caressante
 Serenata
 Aria (o con organo)

INTERMISSION

ERNEST BLOCH (1880-1959)
Suite no. 1 for solo violin (1958)
 Prelude-Andante tranquillo-Allegro-Andante-Allegro energico

GRAŻYNA BACEWICZ (1909-1969)
Partita (1955)
 Preludium. Grave
 Toccata. Vivace
 Intermezzo. Andantino melancolio
 Rondo. Presto



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The Baroque and Classical Periods



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 5:30PM

JOSEPH & ALMA GILDENHORN RECITAL HALL

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
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PROGRAM

Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)

Sonata for Violin and Basso Continuo in C Minor, RV5

Andante

Allegro (ma non troppo)

Largo

Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)

Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major, KV526

Molto Allegro

Andante

Presto

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Intermission

Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)

Sonata for Violin and Basso Continuo in D Minor, RV 15

Preludio (Largo)

Corrente (Allegro)

Allegro

Tomaso Antonio Vitali (1663 - 1745)

Ciaccona in G Minor

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program

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Henri Wieniawski
(1835-1880)

Ballade and Polonaise, op. 38
Moderato- Allegro

Henri Vieuxtemps
(1820-1881)

intermission

Violin Concerto No.2 in D minor, op.22

Henri Wieniawski
(1835-1880)

- I. Allegro Moderato
- II. Andante non troppo
- III. Allegro con fuoco- Allegro moderato

Special thanks to Mr. Arnold Steinhardt and Mr. David Salness.

Reception to follow.

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