

United for Ukraine benefit concert – ARTIST INFO

Sunday, October 22 + 2 - 4pm

Pilgrim United Church Of Christ + 4418 Bridgetown Road 45211



Dr. Joshua Bermudez has been passionate about classical music since he can remember. Although his undergraduate degree was in business, he remained highly active in music, studying cello with the late Dr. James Stroud, playing in the university and local orchestras, establishing the school's official string quartet, and producing a daily classical music radio show. After graduation, he formed a chamber ensemble, Con Brio which performed yearly concerts in the Chattanooga, TN area. Dr. Bermudez completed a master's degree in Musicology at the University of Maryland before finishing a second master's degree in cello performance, studying with Benjamin Karp at the University of Kentucky. There he performed with the Niles String Quartet, was co-principal of the UK Symphony Orchestra, and was a substitute cellist in the Lexington Philharmonic. He recently completed his doctoral degree at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Ilya Finkelshteyn, principal cellist of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Bermudez is the co-founder of the historically-informed ensemble Seven Hills Baroque, in which he plays baroque cello.



Diana Chubak is a Ukrainian pianist who was born in Ternopil, a city located in western Ukraine. She is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, under the guidance of Awadagin Pratt. As a Graduate Assistant in Secondary Piano and Pedagogy Department at CCM, she helps mentor and teach piano to undergraduate and graduate students. Ms. Chubak's achievements include winning numerous international competitions. She won the Myroslav Skoryk Competition in 2016, the Golden Parnassus Award at the International Piano Forum in 2017, and the 2018 Siegfried-Weishaupt-Klavierwettbewerb Competition. Her work has been acknowledged by the Vere Music Grant, and she was awarded a scholarship from the Richard Wagner Society for her participation at the Bayreuth Festival in 2019. Ms. Chubak has performed as a soloist in seven countries and has collaborated with many prestigious orchestras, including the National Presidential Orchestra of Ukraine, Academia Dell'Arco Chamber Orchestra, Lviv Virtuosi, Kyiv Symphony Orchestra, Lviv Festival Orchestra, and the Cincinnati CCM Philharmonia.



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