



Donald F. Cook Recital Hall
M.O. Morgan Building
Saturday, 18 October 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Duo Concertante

Nancy Dahn, violin
Timothy Steeves, piano

Sonata no.4, op. 23

Presto

Andante scherzoso, più Allegretto

Allegro molto

L. van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

Fratres (1980)

Arvo Pärt
(1935-)

Dance me to your Beauty with a Burning Violin (2001)

Kelly-Marie Murphy
(1964-)

(written for Duo Concertante with the generous assistance of CBC Radio)

-- intermission --

Sonata, op.18

Allegro ma non troppo

Andante cantabile

Andante-Allegro

Richard Strauss
(1864-1949)



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Duo Concertante has been acclaimed for performances characterized by brilliance, subtlety, passion, and stunning ensemble across Canada and the United States. Hailed for their "artistry, poetry, and impeccable technique" (*La Scene Musicale*), "exceptional warmth and intimacy" (*Ottawa Citizen*), violinist Nancy Dahn and pianist Timothy Steeves have been described as "superb musicians" (*Wholenote*), who "work together with uncanny perfection" (*Waterloo Gazette*). Their extraordinary teamwork sets them apart from more conventional violin/piano collaborations, with critics observing: "One doesn't listen to a program of violin music here, but to real chamber music, as it should be" (*La Scene Musicale*) and "Brilliant, saucy and soulful . . . you hear splendid sweet nuances everywhere; Duo Concertante makes a powerful case for thinking of violin/piano sonatas as duo music, rather than as music for a pianist and a violinist" (*San Francisco Classical Voice*).

Duo Concertante performs regularly throughout Canada and the United States. Timothy Steeves and Nancy Dahn have brought Duo Concertante to the stage in Chicago (Dame Myra Hess Series), New York City (Music of the Americas), Ottawa (National Arts Centre), Halifax, Los Angeles (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), San Francisco and across eastern Canada. Last season they performed tours across southwestern Ontario (twice), Florida, and California. Following seasonal touring, summers are spent either appearing as featured guests at venues such as the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, the Huntsville Festival of the Arts, Sound Symposium, and the Hilton Beach Summer Festival, or on faculty of their own Tuckamore Chamber Music in Newfoundland, which this year featured Andre Laplante and the Antares (N.Y.) quartet as guest faculty. The Duo's fall schedule continues with tours of southwestern Ontario and eastern Canada, including a guest-artist residency at the Glenn Gould Professional School in Toronto.

Recorded performances by the Duo are heard on CBC Radio, SRC, and on National Public Radio in the U.S. They were featured last fall in the Onstage segment of TVOntario's prestigious Studio 2 program, and will be seen this fall on BRAVO! Television's Classical Now series, recorded this past summer in Halifax.

In addition to their collaborations from the standard repertoire, Duo Concertante is committed to promoting new works by Canadian composers. Included in its programs are commissioned pieces by Kelly-Marie Murphy, Jean Lesage, Clark Ross, Andrew MacDonald, Chan Ka-Nin, and Omar Daniel. Mr. Steeves and Ms. Dahn are currently producing a music video of their performance of *In Memoriam*, a deeply affecting work by Canadian composer Michael Parker, and have just recorded a disc entitled *Wild Honey* of their commissioned works to be released this season on the ATMA label in late 2003.

Their recording of works by Beethoven, Brahms, Stravinsky, and Ravel, à deux, on the ATMA Classique label was nominated for Best Classical Recording at the 2000 East Coast Music Awards. Duo Concertante's next recording, *Of Heart and Homeland*, also nominated for Best Classical Recording for the 2002 ECMA awards, features works by Janacek, Smetana, and Dvorak, and received a 5-star recommendation by *La Scene Musicale* (Montreal), in its English-language inaugural issue.

Nancy Dahn and Timothy Steeves also enjoy individual careers as concerto soloists, chamber music collaborators and teachers. They make their home in St. John's where they are associate professors at Memorial University.