

DR. KATRIN MEIDELL

VIOLA



**OCTOBER 22,
2021 7:00 PM**



Violist Katrin Meidell, DMA, enjoys a prolific career as a performer, pedagogue, and lecturer. Her diverse abilities have taken her across the USA, to Canada, Finland, Austria, Poland, Brazil, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. A strong proponent of new music, she consistently premieres works commissioned by and written for her. In addition to frequent solo and orchestral engagements, she performs chamber music on a regular basis, often with Violet (www.duetviolet.com), of which she is a founding member with Dr. Elizabeth Crawford, clarinet. Their self-titled debut album, *Violet*, was released on Albany Records in 2019. In the orchestral setting, she has performed with the Indianapolis and Fort Worth Symphonies, the Fort Wayne and Boston Philharmonics, and freelance orchestras throughout Georgia, Indiana, Texas, and Oklahoma.

In addition to blogging about her musical life at www.katrinmeidell.com, Meidell has been published in the *Journal of the American Viola Society*, and now serves as a proud Board Member for the organization.

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ANDREW FOCKS

PIANO



**MARCH 11, 2022
7:00 PM**



An award-winning pianist, Andrew Focks has performed as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician in venues throughout the United States, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Germany, England, and China. He has made successful solo debuts in concert halls around the world, including Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, and has been broadcasted on television and radio. Within the United States he has appeared on artist series and performed in Cleveland, Houston, Chicago, New York, Interlochen, Ft. Myers, Boston, San Francisco, San Jose, Tallahassee, Columbus, Tampa, and Albuquerque, among others.

Greatly in demand as a teacher, Dr. Focks' students have performed in venues including Millennium Park (Chicago), Severance Hall (Cleveland), Carnegie Hall (New York), Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles), Olympiahalle (Munich), Sportpaleis (Antwerp), The Kennedy Center (Washington D.C.), the White House, and more. They continue to be frequent scholarship recipients and competition prizewinners at the regional, national, and international levels and further their studies at some of the world's most distinguished music institutions.

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DR. JAMES UMBLE

SAXOPHONE



APRIL 22, 2022
7:00 PM



Dr. James Umble is Professor of Saxophone at Youngstown (Ohio) State University where he has been awarded a Distinguished Professor Award for Teaching. He is an internationally recognized teacher, soloist, clinician, chamber musician and author. Cleveland Plain Dealer Music Critic Donald Rosenberg wrote that Dr. Umble... "must be one of the most elegant exponents of his instrument...he was virtuosic in every way."

Dr. Umble has recently presented Guest Artist recitals and clinics at The Hartt School of Music, Oakland University, the University of Mississippi, and was recently guest featured clinician at the American Saxophone Institute at The University of Iowa. He regularly presents performances, clinics and lecture recitals at regional and national Conferences of the North American Saxophone Alliance. He also annually presents performances and lectures at the U.S Navy Band Saxophone Symposium where he will be a featured Guest Clinician in January 2020. He has been a featured soloist with the U.S. Navy Band in Washington D.C.

Umble holds a DMA from The University of Michigan where he studied with Donald Sinta, a First Prize from the National Conservatory of Bordeaux where he studied with Jean-Marie Londeix, a Masters degree in Performance from Bowling Green State University studying under John Sampen and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education studying with Donald Beckie.

He has presented numerous recitals and clinics around the country including The University of Miami Frost School of Music, The Hartt School, Oakland University, George Mason University, The University of Potsdam, and many others. Umble loves playing basketball and hiking in the Laurel Highlands of PA. Dr. Umble is a Selmer Artist and performs on Légère reeds.

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