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Concert, reception on January 4 celebrate International Cello Institute's tenth anniversary



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Please join us for an evening of beautiful cello music featuring performances by distinguished alumni and special guests Mary Jo Gothmann, pianist

FRIDAY JANUARY 4, 2019
7:30 PM

HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	Art Gallery 511 Groveland Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403
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RECEPTION AFTERWARDS IN THE HARRISON ROOM

By Michael Wilson

The International Cello Institute has reached a milestone: ten years of nurturing and educating the next generation of young cellists from around the world. And ICI is inviting the community to help celebrate this achievement with an evening of beautiful cello music on Friday, January 4, at 7:30 pm at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow.

Hill & Lake Press readers know ICI as the sponsor of CELLO*ici*, the three-concert summer series at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church featuring renowned cellists such as Astrid Schween, Mark Kasower, Silver Ainomäe, Tanya Remenikova, Emmanuel Feldman, and Brannon Cho, all of whom have served as instructors and mentors at ICI's summer program at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The three-week summer program is where the magic happens. "ICI is a unique summer program because of its highly focused and encouraging environment," says ICI co-founder Anna Clift. "Students receive a remarkable amount of time working closely with a variety of world-class faculty in lessons and masterclasses."

ICI co-founder Laura Sewell adds that there is also the opportunity for students to learn from each other as they watch their friends develop musically and personally. "In this way," Sewell says, "ICI fosters a 'cellistic' learning community that is paramount."

The January 4th concert and reception will not only celebrate ICI's ten years but also will raise funds for scholarships for future generations of ICI participants. Tickets for the event are \$25 -- students attend free -- and can be purchased at the door or online at internationalcelloinstitute.com under "Events." Donations above the cost of the ticket are fully tax-deductible.

Janet Horvath, the Minnesota Orchestra's associate principal cello from 1980 to 2012, writes, "From the first time I heard a cello, I have loved this instrument whose lush golden sounds are the closest to the human voice." As a student, she says, "The alluring tones beckoned. I craved to learn the secrets behind the cello's fantastic range of expression -- the deep lamenting baritone, the silken tenor, the dazzling soprano."

Come to Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church on January 4th to help mark ICI's ten years and also to enjoy that most luxuriant and mellifluous of instruments -- the cello.