

*Ridotto Season 2009 - 2010**

Thursday, October 8 at 8 pm. In recital: Misha Dichter

"One of the master pianists of our time" The Telegraph, London. This celebrated pianist opens the season with Brahms' Two Ballades, Beethoven 6 Bagatelles Op.126, Schubert's Sonata in a Op.143, and Bartok's 15 Hungarian Peasant Songs. Reservations strongly recommended (631) 385 - 0373.

All tickets \$20, students \$10.

The artist appears courtesy of Sciolino Artist Management. The Steinway piano is courtesy of Steinway, Melville.

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4 pm. THE HUGO WOLF QUARTETT

Directly from Vienna. This inspiring ensemble has risen to the very top of string quartet playing in the world. Ridotto is honored to present this renowned ensemble in a concert with Haydn: Quartet Op.74/3; Janacek: Quartet "Intimate Letters"; and Beethoven's String Quartet Op.135. Reservations strongly recommended (631) 385 - 0373.

Sunday, November 22 at 4 pm. "Night over Venice"

Ridotto presents a concert of adventure and mystery, of love and longing with 18th century Venice coming to life at night. Musicians and literati, merchants and scoundrels were drawn to the ridotto. In concert: recorder virtuoso Daphna Mor, soprano Nina Berman and the Ridotto Baroque Ensemble in Vivaldi's Concerto "La Notte", the Cantata "All'ombra di sospetto", "Balletti" by Albinoni and more.



Sunday, January 3 at 4 pm. The Vinca String Quartet in

'Reverence', a New Year's Concert. This brilliant, young group has risen to the top of American chamber music with their youthful flamboyance and innovative programming. On the program are Haydn's Quartet Op.50/5, Mendelssohn's String Quartet Op.13 (his tribute to Beethoven), and Mozart's Quartet K.546. (inspired by J.S.Bach).

Sunday, February 7 at 4 pm. In recital: Konstantin

Soukhovetski. This young and dynamic pianist is rapidly establishing a reputation as a musician who captivates audiences with his 'distinctive lyricism' and 'immaculate technique'. Prize winner of several prestigious competitions, this splendid Russian artist has appeared on the great stages in Europe and the U.S. The program: Schubert's Sonata in B flat Op.posth., and Schumann's Sonata No.1, Op.11

Sunday, March 7 at 4 pm. The Soldier's Tale – a “story to be read, acted, played and danced.” Written in 1918 by Igor Stravinsky, the piece was intended for a small travelling theater. With an ensemble of seven musicians, and four actors on stage, “L'Histoire” tells the timely tale of love, and greed, of gambling and ill-gotten riches. When the soldier sells his violin, he squanders his soul. The powerful, at times gritty, score is a classic in music theatre. Two actors, a dancer and a narrator on stage, with an ensemble of 7, are conducted by the dynamic Christopher Lyndon-Gee. This is a fully staged production.



Sunday, April 11 at 4 pm. In recital: Michael Berkovsky

Israeli/Canadian pianist Michael Berkovsky enchants and energizes audiences with his wonderful stage presence and exquisite performances. A graduate of Juilliard he was a prizewinner in major competitions in the U.S. and Canada. The program: Beethoven's 'Tempest' Sonata' Op.16; Mozart's 'Turkish March' Sonata K.331; Schubert/Liszt Song transcriptions; Liszt: Vallee d'Obermann.

Sunday May 2 at 4 pm. "DESIRE AND THE EMPEROR"

There was great eccentricity among the 19th century emperors in Europe. Austria, France, Germany and Mexico were emperors who, despite their grand visions, sadly ineffective. The arts of the time flourished. With a fashion show of uniforms designed by Wilhelm, and a glimpse of the high life at imperial Kaiser courts. Elizabeth Hillebrandt-soprano sings Mozart and Berlioz, the fabulous *SIMA* Piano Trio plays Mendelssohn and Haydn.



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***Programs subject to change**

Ridotto Concerts are held in the stylish Parish Hall of Old First Church, 125 Main Street (25A) in Huntington (opp. Town Hall). The hall is handicapped accessible, and special seating is available by reservation (631) 385 – 0373. For all information: www.ridotto.org

Tickets: \$20; \$18 seniors; \$15 Ridotto members; \$10 students/child

Memberships: Family Member, discount for two: \$65.

Single Member \$40

Subscriptions: 5 Chamber Concerts \$86. Members \$66

4-choice card \$60. , punch card for any 4 concerts (except Oct.8)

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