

Curtis on Tour at Uptown!

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center is pleased to announce the Curtis on Tour Series of concerts in collaboration with the Curtis Institute of Music. Three spring concerts are scheduled featuring talented classical music artists who will appear on the Uptown! stage by special arrangement with *Curtis on Tour*, the Nina von Maltzahn Global Touring Initiative of the Curtis Institute of Music. [Learn more about Curtis on Tour.](#)



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The Curtis Institute of Music pairs tradition and innovation, educating exceptionally gifted young musicians as artist-citizens who engage a local and global community through music-making of the highest caliber. Building upon the performance-focused learning philosophy of Curtis, the Curtis on Tour program offers students real-world, professional touring experience alongside celebrated alumni and faculty. Each season leading orchestras, opera houses, and chamber music series around the world feature Curtis alumni. They are in the front rank of soloists, composers, and conductors, and hold principal chairs in every major American orchestra. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center is honored to be included along with international and national venues. [Watch Video about Curtis on Tour 2017!](#)



Monday, April 2: Wanchi, violin and Jordan Dodson, guitar. Wanchi has received critical acclaim for recordings and performances of chamber music, solo recitals, and as a soloist with orchestras throughout North America and Asia. She is currently a professor of violin at the James Madison University School of Music. Jordan Dodson is an award winning soloist and chamber musician with degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music, the Manhattan School of Music, and the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.



Tuesday, April 24: Zorá String Quartet will perform compositions by Brahms, Haydn and Andrew Hsu's "kenopsiac", commissioned by Curtis Institute and written for the Zorá String Quartet. Winner of the grand prize and gold medal at the 2015 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition; first prize and several concert prizes at the 2015 Young Concert Artists International Auditions; and the Coleman National Chamber Music Competition, members are violinists Dechopol Kowintaweewat and Hsuan-Hao Hsu, violist Pablo Muñoz Salido, and cellist Zizai Ning. In May, they conclude their 2-year fellowship as Curtis' String Quartet in residence and embark a European tour.



Tuesday, May 22: Musicians from the Curtis Opera Theatre, Ashley Marie Robillard, soprano, Dennis Chmelensky, baritone and Mikael Eliassen, piano. Ms. Robillard and Mr. Chmelensky have performed notable operatic roles and received numerous awards and scholarships. Coach and accompanist Mikael Eliassen is currently Artistic Director of the Curtis Opera Theatre and the Hirsig Family Dean of Vocal Studies.

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Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center is conveniently located near parking, shopping and restaurants at 226 North High Street, West Chester. Curtis on Tour concerts are priced at \$25 each, with the series of all three at 10% off. Purchase tickets online at UptownWestChester.org, at the box office or call 610.356.ARTS(2787).

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