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## PROGRAM

**Quartet for Violin, Viola, Cello, and  
Piano in A minor, Op.1 (1891)**

**Josef Suk**  
(1874-1935)

Allegro appassionato

Adagio

Allegro con fuoco

***Morpheus* for Viola and Piano (1917)**

**Rebecca Clarke**  
(1886-1979)

## ***BRIEF INTERMISSION***

**Quintet for Violin, Viola, Cello, Double  
Bass, and Piano (2010)**

**Ellen Taaffe  
Zwilich**  
(b. 1939)

Quarter Note = 60

FANTASY: "Die Launische Forelle"  
("The Moody Trout")

Quarter Note = 120

# ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

**The Main Street Chamber Players** is a mixed instrumental chamber ensemble whose collective experience spans more than 35 years and includes members of Main Street Music Studios along with various guest artists. MSCP performs works from the standard repertoire, as well as works by women, composers of color, and living composers. Concerts by MSCP have included performances on the Classical Cape May Series, the Tuesday Concert Series, the Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series, Friends of Music and Arts at St. Andrew's, and the Lyceum Chamber Music Series, as well as at several other venues in Takoma Park, Maryland; Washington, D.C.; and the Northern Virginia area. In addition, all members of MSCP are full-time private teachers at Main Street Music Studios. For more information, please visit [www.msmsfairfax.com](http://www.msmsfairfax.com).

**Barbara Fitzgerald** is a graduate of The Juilliard School. She has lived in New York; Montreal; Perth, Western Australia; and Virginia, where she has played in orchestras, presented recitals, and appeared as a soloist with a variety of ensembles. Additionally, Ms. Fitzgerald is a freelance bassist in the D.C. region, a founding member of Main Street Music Studios, and a member of the Main Street Chamber Players in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Stephanie Knutsen** is a highly active musician in the Washington, D.C., area, having dedicated the past two decades to a bustling performing and teaching career. Her warm

presence and professional expertise have made her a sought-after performer across the region. Ms. Knutsen's extensive performance schedule includes regular appearances with ensembles such as the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, the National Philharmonic, the Richmond and Harrisburg symphonies, and the Wolf Trap Opera Orchestra. She holds leadership positions as assistant principal viola of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra and associate principal viola of the American Pops Orchestra. Ms. Knutsen maintains a thriving viola and violin studio at her home in Sterling and is an enthusiastic new member of Main Street Music Studios in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Laura Kobayashi** is a member of the Kobayashi/Gray Duo, the Main Street Chamber Players, and the Cirrus Ensemble. She performs regularly throughout the United States and has also performed abroad in several countries in the European Union and South America, as well as in England, Wales, Thailand, South Africa, and on several Caribbean islands. She has recorded three CDs of music by women composers on the Albany Records and Parma Recordings labels and has edited for publication a violin sonata by 19th-century French composer Marie Grandval for Hildegard Publishing Company. Dr. Kobayashi holds degrees from The Juilliard School, Yale University, and the University of Michigan.

**Kenneth Law**, a Columbia, South Carolina, native, is the cellist of the Cirrus Ensemble and a founding member of the Colour of Music Festival and Main Street Music Studios and Chamber Players in Fairfax, Virginia. Law maintains a successful private studio whose students have gained admission to the nation's top music schools. He has performed at the Library of Congress, Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and abroad in England, France, Scotland, Panama, and Puerto Rico. He has also collaborated with members of the Juilliard, Guarneri, and Ying quartets. Law holds degrees and diplomas from the Eastman School of Music, the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Peabody Conservatory, and The Juilliard School.

**Kent McWilliams** has enjoyed a successful performing career since his debut in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He holds a doctorate in piano performance from the University of Montreal, an artist diploma from the Musikhochschule in Stuttgart, Germany, and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toronto. He also completed doctoral research in Poland with Andrzej Jasinski, exploring the Polish folk elements in Chopin's *Mazurkas*. Before joining the faculty at Main Street Music Studios in Fairfax, Dr. McWilliams was a professor at St. Olaf College and the director of the School of Music at Kent State University.

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