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WITH
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Souvenir de Moscou

Violin Senior Recital

23rd April 2021, 2pm
YSTCM Concert hall

César Franck
Sonata in A major for Violin and Piano FWV. 8

- I. Allegretto ben moderato
- II. Allegro
- III. Recitativo-Fantasia. Ben moderato
- IV. Allegretto poco mosso

Intermission

Béla Bartók
6 Romanian Folk Dances For Violin and Piano

Henryk Wieniawski
Souvenir de Moscou, Op.6

Rimski-Korsakow
Concert Fantasia on 2 Russian Themes, Op.33

Programme Notes

CÉSAR FRANCK

Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano, FWV 8

Sonata in A major for violin and piano is the only violin sonata composed by Belgian composer César Franck. The sonata is well known for being a wedding present for the famous violinist Eugène Ysaÿe from the composer in 1886. Also, it is one of the most famous and important violin sonatas in the romantic period.

BÉLA BARTÓK

Six Romanian folk dances, Sz. 56, BB 68

Bella Bartok, one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, his music is very nationalistic. He finished the Six Romanian folk dances in 1915. It is based on seven Romanian tunes from Transylvania, originally played on fiddle or shepherd's flute. He orchestrated it for small ensemble but the most famous version is the violin and piano version. In this work, there is six Traditional Romanian folk musics: Stick Dance, Braul, In One Spot, Dance of Buchum, Romanian Polka and Fast Dance. In his works, the eastern europe folk music and traditional modern composing skills were cleverly integrated, forming the unique charm of the composer.

HENRYK WIENIAWSKI

Souvenir de Moscou, Op. 6

"Souvenir de Moscou" is a violin fantasia written by Henryk Wieniawski when he was 18 years old. Henryk Wieniawski is a Polish violinist and composer. From 1851 to 1859, Wieniawski performed in Russia frequently and the audiences went crazy from his playing. Although he has some very good memories in Russia, he got into some troubles with a general and was forced to leave Moscow. After leaving Russia, Wieniawski often reminisces Russia's vast forests and grasslands, simple folk customs and colourful Russian folk music. The ancient capital of Moscow also evokes many fond memories, and therefore he wrote this piece "Souvenir de Moscou", meaning the Memories of Moscow.

RIMSKY KORSAKOV

Concert Fantasia on 2 Russian Themes, Op.33

Rimsky-Korsakov, Russian composer, and a member of the group of composers known as The Five. The Fantasia is composed for the orchestra and solo violin. It is dedicated to violinist Pierre Kranokutsky, who was his violin teacher at the Court Chapel. The Fantasia is a like a one-movement concerto, consisting of many extended violin techniques which makes it a showpiece for the soloist.

Programme notes by Boyi Li.