

# Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse

Sunday, April 6, 2025

3:00 PM

## ALL-CHOPIN RECITAL

Megumi Ohkubo, cello

Jeffrey Jamner, piano

Sonata in G minor, Op. 65 for cello and piano

- I. Allegro Moderato
- II. Scherzo
- III. Largo
- IV. Finale

Four Mazurkas for solo piano

- I. Mazurka in A minor, Op. 17 No. 4
- II. Mazurka in B minor, Op. 33 No. 4
- III. Mazurka in B-flat major, Op. 7 No. 1
- IV. Mazurka in F minor, Op. 68 No 4

Introduction and Polonaise Brillante, Op. 3 for cello and piano

## Artist Biographies

**Megumi Ohkubo**, cellist, received his early training at the respected Toho School in Japan. At Indiana University, he studied with Janos Starker and chamber music with Joseph Gingold & Menahem Pressler of Beaux Arts Trio. He has appeared as a chamber musician as well as a principal cellist of various orchestras including the Tokyo Metropolitan Orchestra and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. In 1994, Megumi was invited to join the Saito Kinen Orchestra under the direction of Seiji Ozawa, which appears regularly in New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Salzburg Festival and Vienna and made many recordings with the Philip and Sony labels. Megumi and his colleagues formed the Cello Ensemble Saito in 1997. The Philips label has released a series of recordings, and they have been invited to perform in many series of festivals including an appearance at the International Cello Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia. He has served as a planner of the Kentucky Center Chamber Players from 1987 until the final concert in 2015. He has previously taught at the University of Kentucky, Jiyu Gakuen School, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Indiana University Southeast and the University of the Louisville. In 2024, he joined colleagues to perform in Korea & Japan celebrating 100 years of Janos Starker's birth. He resides in Anchorage, Kentucky with his wife, Katheryn, who is a violinist with the Louisville Orchestra.

Megumi is delighted to return to Loretto to perform at the invitation of Sister Mary Swain today which makes 20th anniversary of my first performance here.

**Jeffrey Jamner**, piano, is always excited to share music at Loretto. Today's concert will be his fifth performance at Loretto Motherhouse.

Jeffrey has appeared with the Kentucky Center Chamber Players, Nulu Chamber Players, Concorde: the Chamber Music Society of Westport (Connecticut) and the East-West Music Festival in Altenburg, Germany. He has performed as soloist with the West Virginia Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, the Manhattan Sinfonia, and the Yonkers Philharmonic, and has recorded on the Centaur, Capstone, and Musique Internationale labels. He holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Manhattan School of Music, a Masters Degree from the University of Louisville, and a Bachelor's degree from Mannes College of Music. Jeffrey feels grateful to have studied with some of the most prominent teachers of our time including Lee Luvisi, Jerome Lowenthal, Paul Schenly, Jeannette Haien, and Artur Balsam. Jeffrey and Megumi have performed together several times over the years including in Loretto, the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, and at Indiana University Southeast. Jeffrey currently teaches at Indiana University Southeast and at the Louisville Academy of Music.