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Musica Verto Novo & Student Compositions Program
Wash Park Center for Music and Arts
400 S Williams St., Denver, CO

Thursday, June 9, 2016
7:00 P.M.

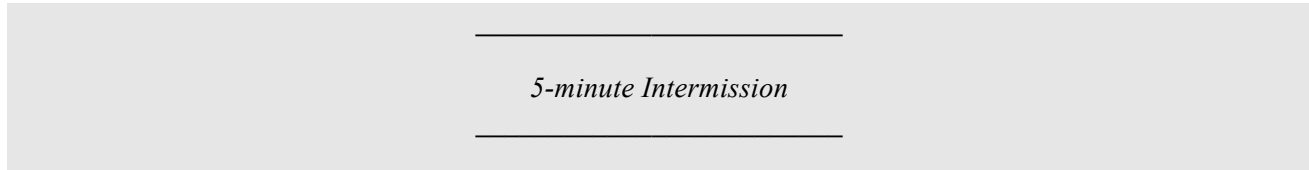
Suggested donation: \$5 for all attendees

Musica Verto Novo* performing new works from the Abundant Silence catalog

*Musica Verto Novo, translated as "New Music Exchange," is a chamber ensemble focused on performing new musical works of art by 21st Century composers. MVN performs for concerts, festivals, educational programs and house concerts worldwide.

- Chichi (piano trio).....Andrés Soto
- Elegy (violina & piano).....Emerson Eads
- Nocturne in D Minor, Op. 19, No. 4 (1873).....Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
 Arr. piano trio 2016 by Houle
- Canto de la Ave Rapiega (piano trio).....Ivan Božičević (b. 1961)
 i. Chacona
- ii. Fandango
- Cape Roca (cello & piano).....Ayumi Okada
- Piano Trio No. 1.....Ayumi Okada

Luke Rackers, piano
Lannie Shelton, violin
Kari Clifton, cello



Performances of 7 student compositions by the judges and Luke Rackers

All works are Finalists in the new Best Written Composition(s) category

Nomination(s) & decisions re: publication will be announced at the Saturday evening Awards Ceremony

- Night Eagle Nocturne.....Desi Silverman-Joseph (b. 2004)
- Animal Suite.....Rebecca Olsen (b. 2007)
 - i. The Tiger
 - ii. Marionettes
 - iii. Dolphins
 - iv. The Elephant
 - vi. Walking on the Beach
 - vii. The Gazelle
 - viii. Chirping

Luke Rackers

The Summit.....Jacob Hon (b. 2000)
 Side Saddle Sonata.....Greta Thoresen (b. 2003)
 i. Howdy Hoedown
 ii. Peaceful Prairie
 iii. Rootin' Tootin' Rondo

John Salmon

Midnight (for two pianos).....Mason Marcy (b. 2004)
John Salmon and Kevin Olson

What They Say in Space.....Maria Ali (b. 1998)
 Dreaming.....Mark Worthington (b. 1999)
Kevin Olson

Luke Rackers Biography



Luke Rackers is a composer, producer, pianist, and teacher living in Denver, CO. He is Executive Director of Abundant Silence, which he founded in 2011. With a Masters of Fine Arts in music composition, Luke uses his education, experience in music as a performer, composer and educator, and expertise in a variety music business endeavors to help composers successfully present their artistic voice to the world. Luke has over a decade of experience in the music industry and loves learning about new ways to help promote and produce new musical works of art. Luke performs in a variety of ensembles including his new music ensemble, Musica Verto Novo, which performs many of the works in the Abundant Silence catalog. He composes primarily for solo piano and small ensemble. Finally, Luke spends much of his time as a recording and audio engineer, helping musicians, film producers and others capture high quality audio for their projects. He lives in Denver, CO on an urban farm with his lovely wife, a wonderful house-mate, 2 dogs, 6 chickens and a ton of fruit and vegetable plants.

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Upcoming:

- **Judges and Director Recital**
 Tomorrow evening, Fri., June 10, 7:00 P.M., same location (\$15/\$10/\$5)
- **Celebration of Students' Best Recital 🙌 & Awards Ceremony**
 Sat., June 11, 5:00 P.M., same location (\$15/\$10/\$5)