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## The Miraculous Violin: An Evening With Vadim Gluzman & Angela Yoffe

Saturday December 21, 6 PM

At the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center



**Brahms Violin Concerto-Vadim Gluzman(Part-1)**

In technique and sensibility, Vadim Gluzman harkens back to the Golden Age of violinists of the 19th and 20th centuries, while demonstrating the passion and energy of the 21st century. Lauded by both critics and audiences as a performer of depth, virtuosity and technical brilliance, he has appeared throughout the world as a soloist and in a duo setting with his wife, pianist Angela Yoffe.

Gluzman's warm tone, developed out of his miraculous "ex-Leopold Auer" Strad (on which the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto was premiered!) takes its inspiration from the timeless examples of Mischa Elman, Nathan Milstein and David Oistrakh. A legendary violin in the hands of a

master, and a dazzling holiday program with music of Mozart, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Castelnuovo-Tedesco.



**Vadim Gluzman**, an Israeli violinist, appears regularly around the world: with major orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony, London Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, London Symphony, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Munich Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and NHK Symphony; and with leading conductors including Neeme Järvi, Michael Tilson Thomas, Marek Janowski, and Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. Among his festival appearances are Verbier, Ravinia, Lockenhaus, Pablo Casals, Colmar, Jerusalem and the North Shore Chamber Music Festival in Northbrook, Illinois. This season Gluzman begins a collaboration with the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra in Columbus, Ohio, in the position of Creative Partner and Principal Guest Artist. Born in the former Soviet Union, Gluzman began violin studies at the age of seven before moving to Israel. In the US he studied at the Juilliard School. Early in his career, Mr. Gluzman enjoyed the encouragement and support of Isaac Stern, and was awarded the prestigious Henryk Szeryng Foundation Career Award in 1994.

Admired for her outstanding musicianship, extraordinary sensitivity and virtuosity, pianist **Angela Yoffe** has performed in the concert halls of United States, Europe, Japan and Canada. Ms. Yoffe was born in Riga, Latvia where she began her musical training, later immigrating to Israel, where she studied with Victor Derevianko in Tel-Aviv. She continued her studies in the U.S. at Southern Methodist University and the Juilliard School. As a chamber musician and recitalist, Angela Yoffe has performed in New York, Washington, Chicago, San Francisco, Berlin, Paris, Geneva, Rome and Tokyo. She has also appeared with the Seattle Symphony, the Omaha Symphony, SWR Stuttgart Radio Orchestra, Hamburg Symphony and with New York's Jupiter Symphony under the batons of Andrey Boreyko, Gerard Schwarz, Victor Yampolsky, Sebastian Lang-Lessing and the legendary Jens Nygaard. Angela Yoffe has received top prizes in many competitions, including the Dvarionas International Piano Competition in Lithuania.

[Violinist Vadim Gluzman soars with Prieto to cap LPO's 20th subscription season](#)

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*"For folks who prefer the classics, I'd sum up Gluzman this way: He is better than Itzhak Perlman, better than Midori, better than Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and all the other big-name string titans who have soloed with the LPO [Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra] in recent years."*

*Chris Waddington, The Times-Picayune*

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