

**CHAMBER MUSIC TOLEDO**  
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**CHAMBER MUSIC TOLEDO'S ARTIST SERIES CONTINUES WITH GREG  
KOSTRABA AND FRIENDS PERFORMING MUSIC FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Pianist Greg Kostraba and Friends violinist Rico McNeela and Chicago-based hornist Robert Garcia present music by the "Dean of African-American Composers," William Grant Still, and Johannes Brahms as Chamber Music Toledo's 2007-2008 Artist Series continues Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant Street in uptown Maumee, Ohio.

One of America's foremost composers, WILLIAM GRANT STILL was the first African-American to have a symphony performed by a major U.S. symphony orchestra, the first to conduct a major symphony orchestra, and the first to conduct an orchestra in the Deep South. Hailed as the Dean of African-American Composers, he composed over one hundred and fifty works, and his compositions brought a distinct African-American voice to the musical idiom. This performance offers the audience a musical and historical look at this often overlooked composer.

GREG KOSTRABA has successfully combined a career as a radio professional and concert pianist. At the Fourth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs, Greg's performances were called "mesmerizing" (Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and "boldly hewn" (Dallas Morning News), and garnered him semifinalist status. He is also Classical Music Director at WGTE Public Media, where he hosts *Afternoon Classics*, the award-winning *Live From FM 91*, and *FM 91 In Concert*.

Violinist RICO MCNEELA is the Director of Orchestral Studies at the University of Toledo and conducts the University Symphony Orchestra. He is the violinist in the Toledo Trio, and teaches studio violin and viola at UT. He has performed extensively as violinist and violist in solo and chamber music, and has been featured on the Cambria and Nuance record labels.

Hornist ROBERT GARCIA is an active chamber musician based in Chicago. He performs regularly at the St. Roch Chamber Music Festival in Caseville, Michigan, and as a member of American Opera Group Orchestra, as well as the Lakeside Pride Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band. When not playing his horn, Robert Garcia is the Director of Graduate Admissions at Columbia College Chicago.

Tickets are \$8 in advance (\$12 at the door), \$5 for college students, and \$1 for 18 and under; and can be purchased by calling the Toledo Symphony box office at 419.246.8000, and will be available at the door.

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**Listing information:**

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(Greg Kostroma, piano; Rico McNeela, violin; Robert Garcia, horn)

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

Johannes Brahms, Trio for horn, violin, and piano in E-flat Major, Op. 40

William Grant Still, Pastorela for violin and piano

William Grant Still, Suite for Violin and Piano