

Festival of Strings 2010

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SIX CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF
CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS AND MASTER CLASSES WITH
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTISTS**

Mike Block (cello), Darol Anger (jazz violin), and Antonello Farulli (viola)

- **Thursday, November 11, Room 217, FREE**
Master class 9:30 am, Antonello Farulli, viola (guest artist from Italy)
- **Friday, November 12, Recital Hall, FREE**
Master class 3:30 pm , Antonello Farulli, viola
- **Saturday, November 13, Concert Hall, \$15 G/A, \$12 Sr/St**
SHSU Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm
Dr. David Cole, Conductor, and Roselin Pabon,
Guest Conductor (Conservatory of Puerto Rico).
- **Sunday, November 14, Recital Hall, \$15 G/A, \$12 Sr/St**
Darol Anger and Mike Block in Concert, 7:30 pm
- **Monday, November 15, Recital Hall, FREE**
Master class 12:30-3:00 pm, Darol Anger and Mike Block
- **Tuesday, November 16, Recital Hall, \$15 G/A, \$12 Sr/St**
Concert 7:30 pm Recital Hall, Kolonneh String Quartet
with Deborah Dunham and guest artist Antonello Farulli.

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GUEST ARTISTS

ANTONELLO FARULLI



A student of Piero Farulli (violist of the legendary Quartetto Italiano), Antonello Farulli is one of the most active Italian violists both in the concert and the teaching fields. In addition to being a member of the Young European Community Orchestra (EUYO), he is also first solo violist of Claudio Scimone's Solisti Veneti, with whom he has performed in the most important concert halls worldwide. He carries out an activities both as soloist with orchestra and in chamber music ensembles collaborating with notable musicians, and has recorded for the Dynamic, Stradivarius and Tactus labels. As a pedagogue, he has taught in Finland, France, Spain and Switzerland. Furthermore, he has been a guest teacher at the *Sommerakademie International* at the Mozarteum in Salzburg and at the *Scuola di Musica di Fiesole*, in numerous occasions. In addition, he has taught at the *Mahler Jugend Orchestra Akademie*, and at the *Accademia dell'Orchestra Mozart* in Bologna. After teaching chamber music for a decade at the prestigious *Escuela Superior de Musica Reina Sofia* he now holds the Professor of Viola position at the "G.B. Martini" Conservatoire in Bologna. Farulli is author of the book *La Viola del Pensiero* and is Artistic Director of the Sesto Rocchi Festival, the first event of its kind in Italy dedicated to both professional and non-professional musicians of all ages.

MIKE BLOCK



Hailed by Yo-Yo Ma as the "ideal musician of the 21st Century", Mike Block is a pioneering multi-genre cello player living in New York City. While studying at the Juilliard School, Mike joined The Silk Road Ensemble as its youngest member,

and upon graduation in 2006, also joined Grammy Award winner Mark O'Connor in his Appalachia Waltz Trio. Since then, Mike has become an in-demand player in many musical genres, and has joined Darol Anger's Republic of Strings, The Knights, The Absolute Ensemble, Sirius String Quartet, yMusic, Bassam Saba's New York Arabic Orchestra, and a duo with Chinese Pipa virtuoso, Yang Wei. As a composer, Mike writes extensively for the Mike Block Band, and has also had his pieces performed at the Tribeca New Music Festival, and the MATA Festival.

A frequent performer in Germany, it was there that Mike played the World Premiere and also recorded Gregor Hubner's Cello Concerto No. 1, which showcases Mike's non-traditional pizzicato and improvisational abilities. Active in NYC's "New-Music" scene, Mike has also frequently played with the Flux Quartet, Argento New Music Ensemble, and the BQE Project.

Mike has also had the honor to perform with Edgar Meyer, Mike Marshall, Zakir Hussain, Marcel Khaliffe, Goran Bregovic, Michael Doucet, Kayhan Kalhor, Bruce Molsky, Simone Dinnerstein, Dawn Upshaw, Jan Vogler, and has recorded with Lenny Kravitz and Joe Zawinul, among many others. He has played on "Late Night with Conan O'Brian", NPR's "St. Paul Sunday Morning", "Regis and Kelly", VH1, and with Yo-Yo Ma and Allison Krauss on the CBS "Early Show".

A graduate of the Juilliard School and the Cleveland Institute of Music, Mike's former cello teachers include Richard Aaron, Joel Krosnick, Darrett Adkins, and Carter Eneyart.

DAROL ANGER



Exceptional among modern fiddlers for his versatility and depth, Darol Anger has helped drive the evolution of the contemporary string band through his involvement with numerous path-breaking ensembles such as his Republic Of Strings, the Turtle Island String Quartet, the David Grisman Quintet, Montreux, the Duo and other ensembles. Today Darol can be heard on NPR's "Car Talk" theme every week, along with Earl Scruggs, David Grisman and Tony Rice. He has recorded and produced scores of important recordings since 1977, is a MacDowell and UCross Fellow, and has received numerous composers' residencies and grants. He is a featured soloist on dozens of recordings and motion picture soundtracks.