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On November 18 of 2010, I was one of about 50 people standing with my right hand raised reciting the Oath of Allegiance at an immigration naturalization ceremony. Although it was not the beginning of my journey in the US, it felt like the start of a new chapter in my life. I was finally officially home in the country that I made my home 10 years prior.

This spring Portland Chamber Music is proud to present works by first-generation immigrant composers.

Our biggest event of the year, a Special Focus concert, *Immigrant Composers: Inspiring Diversity* will take place on March 3rd in the Community Music Center at 7 pm. Programming includes "Spiral VI" by Chinary Ung (Cambodian-American), "Piano Dream" by Malek Jandali (Syrian-American), "Autumn", duet for violin and piano by Diego Luzuriaga (Ecuadorian-American), "Don't Sing oh Beautiful" by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Russian-American) and "Cuidad de Sol y Sombras" for flute and piano by Portland based Cuban-American composer, Antonio Freixas, among others. Besides PCM's core group of musicians, we will be joined by a talented young guitarist, Andrew Arriaga.

This concert is funded in part by the <u>Regional Arts & Culture Council</u> and <u>McMenamins.</u>

We also received several gifts from individual donors supporting this event. Thank you so much for your support - we wouldn't be able to do it without you!

Every year, unique people—each with their own cultural identity—come to the US in pursuit of their own American dream. One can ask: What happens to their cultural heritage?

We invite you to come experience it first hand. Sounds of nostalgia, words of new hope, outcry against injustice and melodies for peace.

Right now, in this age of political division, we should advocate for tolerance, inclusivity, and the beautiful breadth of human existence. Music is a universal language and is flavored by diverse cultures, traditions and history. It has the power to unite us in our differences and promote social justice.

It takes years to integrate and settle into a new home. A welcoming community makes this process manageable and exciting – I can attest by my own experience.

We look forward to seing you at one of our concerts in the spring, Anya Kalina,

PCM, Executive Artistic Director

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Michael Liu, piano Lynda Hess, flute Jennifer Crockett, clarinet Regina Sadowski, violin Gemma Taylor, French horn Jonathan Cheskin, cello Jonah Thomas, cello Anya Kalina, soprano Deborah Gitlitz, Storyteller



Coming Spring 2018

Saturday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m. LOCA, Q Center

Saturday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

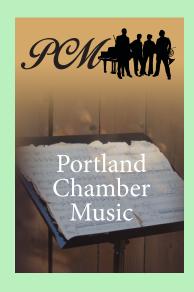
Immigrant Composers: Inspiring Diversity
Community Music Center
3350 SE Francis Street, Portland

Saturday, March 24 at 7 pm Forest Grove Neighborhood Concert Forest Grove United Methodist Church 1726 Cedar Street, Forest Grove

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. Vernon Neighborhood Concert Leaven Community Center 5431 NE 20th Avenue, Portland

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 4 p.m. Astoria Outreach Concert Grace Episcopal Church 1545 Franklin Ave., Astoria

Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. *Woodstock Neighborhood Concert* Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 7220 SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd., Portland



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We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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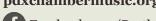
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