#### PETROF CONCERT SERIES 2018

#### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE FORMATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

The Consulate General of the Czech Republic in LA in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Sciences in LA presenting

> MIROSLAV AMBROS acclaimed Czech violin virtuoso

ZUZANA AMBROSOVA celebrated Czech pianist

## Friday, March 23, 2018 7 PM

TICKETS: 15 USD General Admission 10 USD Students/SVU Members

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# PROGRAM

#### **BEDRICH SMETANA**

FROM HOMELAND - TWO DUOS 1. MODERATO 2. ANDANTINO

#### PETER BREINER

LURKING OF THE PURPLE DEMON TEMPTATION DILEMMA WRATH NOT WHAT ONE WAS HOPPING FOR

SYLVIE BODOROVA DZA MORE - GYPSY BALLAD FOR VIOLIN SOLO

#### LEOS JANACEK

SONATA CON MOTO BALADA. CON MOTO ALLEGRETTO ADAGIO. UN POCO PIU MOSSO

> JOSEF SUK (1929-2011) ROMANCE

ANTONIN DVORAK MAZUREK E MINOR, OP. 49



## **ZUZANA AMBROSOVA**

as an unusually talented child, started to study at the Conservatory of Košice in 1973 when she was only thirteen years old. A laureate of the Smetana Piano Competition in Hradec Kralove (1974) and the Beethoven's Hradec Competition, she joined the Kosice National Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of sixteen. After finishing her studies under prof. Zdenek Jilek at the Academy of Musical Arts in Prague in 1982, she spent ten years teaching piano at the Conservatory of Kosice.

In 1986 she was awarded a Special Prize for piano accompaniment in the **International Wind Instrument** Competition. She performed with the Kosice and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestras as a soloist, not only in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, but also in Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Spain, France, Croatia, Bulgaria, Netherlands, and Italy. Since 1992 she teaches at the Prague Conservatory and Jan Neruda High School. As an adjunct employee, she has been a piano accompanist in the Wind Instruments Department of AMU's Faculty of Music. Mrs. Ambrosova is frequently invited by the Prague Spring Festival and Talent of the Year competitions to accompany the contestants.

She regularly makes various recordings for Czech and Slovakian radios and televisions. She recorded a CD Il Vrituoso together with the violinist Miroslav Ambros, which was published at Arco Diva.

### **MIROSLAV AMBROS**

devoted himself to playing violin professionally at the age of eleven when he was accepted to Jan Neruda High School in Prague under the tutelage of Professor Jiri Hnyk. During this time, he was advised by Professor Ivan Zenaty. He graduated summer classes in Canada led by Pinchas Zuckerman, Professor of Manhattan School of Music. Since 2008 he has been a private student of virtuoso Josef Suk. He received his Master's degree in 2012, winning a number of prizes along the way. These included Prague Junior Note, Bohdan Warchal and Kocian's Violin Competitions, and Concertino Praga 2006.

Additionally, he won "Du Prix des Jeunes Talents Européens de Musique Classique" (France, 2003) and Yamaha's scholarship in 2004.

Residing in Prague, Miroslav Ambros is much in demand as a concert soloist. He frequently plays at prestigiou concert halls in the Czech Republic, and abroad.



Miroslav Ambros has performed nearly 1000 concerts and appears on a regular basis with symphony orchestra including: Prague Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra, Prague Symphony Orchestra or Czech Chamber Orchestra.

In 2017 he founded a unique chamber orchestra Ambros Ladies Orchestra, in which he performs as the solo artist. He received an invitation to perform in opera Garnier in Monaco in the presence of Prince of Monaco. He plays a very rare instrument by the Italian violinmaker, Camillo de Camilli, made in 1734 and lent him by the Czech National Museum.