



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MUSIC

Concert In Memory of David Zafer
(1934-2019)

Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 3:30 pm

Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park

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Opening Remarks

Dean Don McLean, Michael Zafer and Micki Zafer

Partita No. 1 for Solo Violin by J.S. Bach
i. Allemanda - *Double*
John Lowry, violin

Theme from *Cinema Paradiso* by E. Morricone
Cyril Leeper, violin and Ann Leeper, piano

Romance in F minor, Op. 11 by A. Dvořák
Sarah Pratt, violin and James Parker, piano

Eric Shumsky Tribute read by John Robinson

Devil's Trill Sonata, excerpt, by G. Tartini
John Robinson, violin and Marc Widner, piano

Clair de Lune by C. Debussy
Shane Kim, violin and James Parker, piano

Clarinet Quintet in A major, K.581 by W.A. Mozart
ii. Larghetto
Joaquin Valdepeñas and the "TSYO Quartet"
Martin Beaver and Paul Zafer, violins, Jonathan Craig, viola and Roman Borys, cello

Remarks by Victor Costanzi

Meditation, Op. 32 by A. Glazunov
Marie Bérard, violin and James Parker, piano

Passacaglia by G. F. Handel-Halverson
Corey Gemmell, violin and Tom Mueller, cello

String Quartet No. 21 in D major, K.575 by W.A. Mozart
i. Allegretto
"TSYO Quartet"

Brief Intermission

Video Tribute from Pinchas Zukerman

Serenade for Strings, Op. 11 by D. Wirén

- i. Allegro molto
- ii. Andante espressivo
- iii. Allegro vivace
- iv. Tempo di marcia, molto ritmico

Alain Trudel, conductor

Zafer Memorial Concert Orchestra

Violin 1: Paul Zafer, Jeremy Bell, Martin Beaver, Marie Bérard, Corey Gemmell, Xiao Grabke, Shane Kim, Etsuko Kimura, John Lowry, Charna Matsushige, Sarah Pratt, John Robinson, Aysel Taghi-Zada

Violin 2: Dominique Laplante, Erica Beston, Vivian Chon, Sydney Chun, Sheldon Grabke, Faith Lau, Betty Lewis, Jayne Maddison, Ellen Moore, Michelle Odorico, Barry Shiffman, Carol Yampolsky

Viola: Jonathan Craig, Jill Clarke, Josh Greenlaw, Artur Jansons, Nick Papadakis, Rhyll Peel, Yosef Tamir, Sam Yeung

Cello: Roman Borys, Tom Mueller, Sharon Prater

Bass: David Stone

Reception to follow

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David Zafer (1934 to 2019) was an English-born Canadian violinist, conductor and academic. David Zafer was born in London, England, on April 2, 1934, but moved to Canada with his family in 1947. He studied with Elie Spivak and Albert Pratz at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, and from 1966 to 1999 was a professor of violin in the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, where he later attained the position of professor emeritus. He performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra from 1956 to 1959, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (as assistant concertmaster) from 1960 for a year, and was concertmaster of the orchestra of the National Ballet of Canada from 1961 to 1964. He founded the Chamber Orchestra at the University of Toronto and directed their operations until his retirement. During his academic career, he gave master classes in schools such as the Menuhin School in Surrey England, the Meadowmount Summer School, the University of British Columbia, Rice University in Houston, Texas, and Reina Sofia School of Music in Madrid, Spain, and taught at the National Youth Orchestra, Banff Centre and the Courtney Youth Music Centre. He also directed the European Seminary of Strings in Budapest, giving a number of master classes in Prague, and in 1998 conducted the Real Chamber Orchestra of Seoul Korea during a televised concert there. For 25 years, he had been titular conductor and violin professor of the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra (TSYO), making tours with this orchestra to the Young Orchestras Festivals at Aberdeen, Scotland, and Banff, Alberta, plus in Boston, Massachusetts. He recorded a CD in 1997 with the TSYO which preserved a 'live' performance of theirs at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts in Toronto. David Zafer died in Toronto on April 20, 2019, aged 85.