

# The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents



**SEVENTH SEASON**

**Music on the Hill  
2016-2017 Season**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017  
2:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Good  
Counsel Chapel  
Mankato, Minnesota**

## **"Contemplation"**

**Ludwig van Beethoven – Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 70 No. 1 “Ghost”**

**Nico Muhly – Common Ground**

**Johann Sebastian Bach - Cello Suite in C minor, Prelude and Allemande**

**Cesar Franck - Violin Sonata in A Major**

Husband and wife team Francesca Tortellaro and Michael DeBruyn have captivated audiences all over the world; they are excited to bring their collaborative playing to Mankato! Francesca recently completed her DMA at the University of Minnesota and Michael is a tenured member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. They are joined by Lydia Miller Choorapuzha for this program.

Franck's Violin Sonata is one of his best known works and one of the finest sonatas ever written for violin and piano. It was composed for Eugene Ysaye, a legendary violinist, and presented to him on his wedding day. Ysaye championed the work by performing it frequently during his storied 40 year career.

Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio received its nickname from a student of Beethoven as he said the slow movement reminded him of the ghost of Hamlet's father. This comparison was quite appropriate as Beethoven was working on an opera of Shakespeare's Macbeth at the time and the word Macbeth appears in the score.

Also featured on this program is a work by American composer Nico Muhly, one of the most sought-after composers of his generation, with commissions by such organizations as the Metropolitan Opera and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Common Ground combines contemporary technique with that of Purcell to create an amazing sound world.

Bach's Cello Suites are pieces that have been loved by audiences for hundreds of years. The chapel is the ideal setting for a most memorable performance!

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