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Friends of Today's Music celebrates its 25 years of existence with a series of recitals featuring past commissioned works.

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Watch for sessions on Chopin for his 200th birthday and a broad variety of programs for piano, strings, voice and flute.

David Rakowski

David Rakowski is a widely-performed composer whose awards include the 2004-06 Elise L. Stoeger Prize from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center for "significant contributions to the chamber music repertory," the Prix de Rome, and awards from the Fromm, Rockefeller, Guggenheim, and Koussevitzky Foundations. Two of his recently-commissioned works have been finalists for the Pulitzer Prize. His compositions include a much-admired collection of more than 65 widely-varied etudes for piano, as well as concerti, symphonies, and chamber music in many combinations. He has also written a fair amount of music for children of all ages.

Friends of Today's Music is proud to present at convention the World Premier of David Rakowski's Etude-Fantasies for Piano Four Hands, an intermediate level piano duet for students aged 10-14, commissioned by MTAC and published by C.F. Peters Corporation.



Joseph Banowetz

Joseph Banowetz has been termed "a giant among keyboard artists of our time" by *Fanfare Record Review* (U.S.). He has concertized on five continents, having appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Moscow State Symphony, the Prague Radio Orchestra, the New Zealand Symphony (on a 12-concert national tour), the Beijing National Symphony, the Shanghai Symphony, and the Hong Kong Philharmonic. Banowetz has recorded over thirty compact discs, including the eight Anton Rubinstein piano and orchestra works, and concertos of Liszt, Tchaikovsky, d'Albert, Taneyev, Kletzki, and Balakirev. In 2007 an all-Balakirev disc of Banowetz's received two Grammy nominations. In addition, he has edited many piano scores for Alfred, Warner Brothers, and Kjos Publications. His book *The Pianist's Guide to Pedaling* (Indiana University Press) has been published in six foreign languages. Banowetz is Professor of Piano Performance at the University of North Texas.



Angela Cheng

Angela Cheng has been Gold Medalist of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Masters Competition as well as the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition. Other awards include the Canada Council's coveted Career Development Grant and the Medal of Excellence for outstanding interpretations of Mozart from the Mozarteum in Salzburg.

An avid recitalist, Ms. Cheng appears regularly on recital series as a soloist, in chamber ensembles, in prominent festivals and with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Canada. Ms. Cheng's numerous CDs include Mozart concerti, Clara Schumann's Concerto in A Minor, both Shostakovich concerti and, most recently, an all-Chopin recital CD released by Universal Music Canada.



Nai-Yuan Hu

Since winning the First Prize in the prestigious Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Belgium in 1985, violinist Nai-Yuan Hu has performed on many of the world's stages, including the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Avery Fischer Hall in New York and other major venues in London, Paris, Brussels, Munich, Boston, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Taipei, Seoul, Beijing and Hong Kong. He has appeared with the Royal Philharmonic of London, the Seattle and Toronto Symphony orchestras, Rotterdam Philharmonic, the Belgian National Orchestra and many others. Mr. Hu has made recordings for EMI, Delos, Koch and Sunrise.

In praise of his playing, *BBC Music Magazine* wrote, "Taiwanese violinist Nai-Yuan Hu is an awesomely capable performer whose technical facility, musical intelligence and unfaltering verve place him among the higher echelons of today's string virtuosi."



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