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PROGRAM

Valse Caprice - Dance (1926).....Aram Khachaturian
(1903-1978)

Bucolics - 5 Pieces (1952).....Witold Lutoslawski
(1913-1994)

Sonata Op. 145 (1962).....Alan Hovhaness
(1911-2000)
Allegro
Andante
Presto

Love does not alter (2019).....Donald Harper
(b. 1954)

Four Intermezzos (2012, 2017, 2021, 2022).....Artur Avanesov
(b. 1980)

Five Illuminations (2008).....Byron Adams
(b. 1955)

Piano sonata no.3 (1999).....Thomas Pasatieri
(b. 1945)
Moderato
Lento
Allegro

ARTIST BIO

Armen Guzelimian is celebrated for his versatility as a top-notch collaborative artist, a brilliant soloist and first-rate chamber musician not only in Southern California, but all over the world. He has received national and international acclaim for his appearances in the major concert halls in the U.S.A and Europe.

He has appeared as soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, California Chamber Symphony, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, American Youth Symphony, the Pasadena Symphony/Pops Orchestra among others, with such conductors as Neville Marriner, Stuart Challenger, Mehli Mehta, Bruce Ferden and Michael Feinstein.

As a chamber musician, Mr. Guzelimian's has appeared with the Rossetti String Quartet, the Los Angeles String Quartet, Camerata Pacifica, the Dilijan Chamber Music Series, Chamber Music in Historic Sites, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, and the Aspen Festival. He made his Disney Hall debut in March of 2014 with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Chamber Music Society and returned to the delight of audiences in November 2016.

Mr. Guzelimian has partnered such artists as violinists Viktoria Mullova, Thomas Zehermair, Ani and Ida Kavafian, and violists Lars Tomter and Kim Kashkashian. Piano vocal partnerships have included appearances and work with such stars as Kiri Te Kanawa, Placido Domingo, Thomas Hampson, Lucia Popp, Florence Quivar, Peter Schreier, Rod Gilfrey, and Marni Nixon.

As a proponent of contemporary music, Mr. Guzelimian has had the privilege of working closely with the great composers Aram Khachaturian, Alan Hovhaness, Tigran Mansurian, Witold Lutoslawski, and most recently with Artur Avanesov. Composers Thomas Pasatieri and Byron Adams have both dedicated works for the pianist: a piano sonata and "Illuminations" for piano, respectively.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Jennifer Kalfsbeek-Goetz
Brent Wilson
Alex Aguirre
Jamie Birkett
Maggie Donahue
Simanu Faasua
Brian Hotchkin
David Howarth
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Ron Mules
Janeene Nagaoka
Jake Phillips
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Mr. Guzelimian has been on the faculty of the USC School of Music, the Music Academy of the West and a guest lecturer at institutions including the Eastman School of Music, Loyola University New Orleans, Aspen Music Festival & School.

He has been the principal coach for the young artist program at Paris Opera and has been a master coach at the Merola Program at San Francisco Opera among others. He is a frequent adjudicator for high-profile competitions and clinician for Master Classes focused on opera and song repertoire.

As a recording artist, Mr. Guzelimian's performances are represented on the EMI, Angel, Teldec, Nonesuch, Delos and Crystal labels. He appears on the documentary film "Shadows in Paradise", as well as on Classical Arts Showcase, PBS and throughout Europe on Arte.

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FRI. NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 PM

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At the San Buenaventura Mission

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