

# THE AMERICAN VIRTUOSI

The Borowsky family's spirited quintet internationally known as "The American Virtuosi" composes and performs lively music inspired by their cohesive, loving family bond as well as their deep passion for melodies, harmonies and for celebrating the world's diverse, vibrant cultural colors. Parents Cecylia (cello), Charles (voice, harmonica) and their grown children Frances (cello), Elizabeth (piano) and Emmanuel (violin) demonstrate their philosophy that music stimulates thinking, feeling and creativity and can act as a true catalyst for human growth and development.

The Borowskys have extensively toured throughout the Eastern and Western world, captivating audiences in over 80 countries, most recently Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine, Poland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Jordan, Israel, Indonesia, Korea, China, Japan, Vietnam, and Cuba. They have performed at world-celebrated cultural landmarks including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and the Kosziuscko Foundation in New York City; the Kennedy Center, National Basilica, and an array of Embassies in Washington D.C.; the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia; China Concert Hall of Tianjin; Warsaw Philharmonia in Poland; Villa Musica in Germany; and the Instituto Superior de Arte and Havana Cathedral in Cuba. They have appeared at major events such as the UNESCO and International Music Council conference on "Local Music Heritage in the Age of Globalization" in Amman, Jordan; World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany; and the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

The Borowsky Family's performances are marked by a combination of solo and chamber music that expresses their personalities and life experiences, taking listeners on an interactive, imaginative journey. Their knack for nuanced arrangement and sensitive interpretation of the classical masterworks, as well as their creativity in writing their own original compositions, shines through their live and recorded performances. The Borowsky discography includes seven CDs and two DVDs..

Individually and collectively, the quintet has collaborated with an impressive roster of orchestras, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (USA); Tianjin Symphony Orchestra (China); St. Christopher Orchestra and Šiauliai Chamber Orchestra (Lithuania), the Young German Symphony Orchestra and Eisenach Festival Orchestra (Germany); the Lublin

Philharmonic Orchestra, Polish Camerata, Rzeszow Symphony Orchestra, Katowice Symphony Orchestra, and Szczecin Philharmonic Orchestra (Poland); Israeli Solists Orchestra (Israel); and National Conservatory Orchestra (Jordan). Their performances with the Polish Camera were broadcast internationally by Pol-Sat TV. They have performed together with renowned musicians including pianists Krystian Zimerman and Brian Ganz, violinists Erick Friedman and Chin Kim, and cellist Amit Peled.

The Borowskys have been honored with a number of prestigious awards and distinctions. Both Cecylia and Charles have received the Paderewski Award for Outstanding Contributions to Society and Culture. Frances, Emmanuel, and Elizabeth were awarded the Erick Friedman Prize for Outstanding Young Musicians. Individually, family members have received honors in a variety of esteemed competitions: Tchaikovsky Competition; the W.C. Byrd Young Artists Competition; Danczowski Cello Competition; Pablo Casals Cello Competition; Aldo Parisot International Cello Competition; J.S. Bach International Competition; Cassado International Cello Competition; Chopin Foundation of the United States Scholarship; Mary Graham Lasley Concerto Competition; Levine Chamber Music Competition, and the Peggy Friedman – Yale Gordon Competition, among others.

In 2003, the Borowskys founded The International Music Institute and Festival USA, an annual program that brings outstanding young musicians from around the world to Maryland each July for two-weeks of intensive learning and performing under the guidance of renowned musicians.

Collectively, the members of this family have trained at prestigious institutions including Peabody Conservatory, Yale University, Indiana University, the University of Maryland, and Towson University (USA); Trinity College of Music (England); Icelandic Academy of the Arts (Iceland); Moscow Conservatory of Music (Russia), Chopin Academy of Music and Catholic University of Lublin (Poland); and Folkwang University of the Arts (Germany).

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