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CURRENTS

THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
ENSEMBLE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

FRED COHEN *Artistic Director*

NEW MUSIC

FROM THE

SOVIET

UNION

8:15 PM

January 29, 1990

North Court Recital Hall

University of Richmond

free and open to the public

Sacred Love (Lynbov svyataya) Gyorgy Sviridov
(b. 1915)

Three Scenes from "Album for Children"

1. Little Songs Without Words
2. Ancient Dance
3. Fairy Tale

Schola Cantorum

Matthew Beams *Tenor* Christopher Landry *Bass*
Ellen Bryant *Mezzo* Greta Mann *Mezzo*
Sara Fitzsimmons *Soprano* Christopher O'Brien *Bass*
Karen Heard *Soprano* Kim Sayle *Soprano*
David Howson *Bass* Lori Sohns *Soprano*
Joshua Krugman *Tenor* Wendy Withers *Mezzo*
James Erb *Director*

Chamber Symphony (1982)

Edison Denisov
(b. 1929)

1. Tranquillo
2. Agitato
3. Lento

Susan West *flute* Leslie Anne Moe *oboe*
Charles West *clarinet* Bruce Hammel *bassoon*
MaryLynne VanDeventer *French horn*
Michael Davison *trumpet* Pamela Barton *trombone*
Steven Barton *percussion* Hope Armstrong Erb *piano*
Robert Murray *violin* Judy Hobbs Cohen *viola*
Ann Bakker *cello* Delbert Williams *contrabass*
Fred Cohen *conductor*

* United States premiere performance

CURRENTS is an ensemble of professional musicians specializing in the music of our time. Founded in 1986 by Dr. Fred Cohen, Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Richmond, CURRENTS has performed over forty Richmond premieres and eight world premieres. Repertory ranges from contemporary American works, to New Music from Eastern Europe, to the classic works of the Twentieth Century. Special attention is given to performing music by Virginian composers. During the 1989-90 season CURRENTS will present six concert programs. Upcoming concerts include:

April 24, 1990 Guest oboeist **Heinz Holliger** and annual guest soprano **Christine Schadeberg** will highlight a free concert at the Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Holliger will perform works for solo oboe, oboe and chamber orchestra, and participate in a performance of his own *Trio* for oboe, viola and harp. Ms. Schadeberg will perform Berio's *Folksongs* and the premiere of Fred Cohen's *Three for Emily*.

May 27, 1990 **CURRENTS COMMISSIONS**
This concert, to be held in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium, will feature new works by Walter Ross, Timothy Kloth, Joel Feigin, Ralph Graves, and others.

July 13, 1990 As part of the Richmond International Music Festival, CURRENTS will perform the world premiere of a work commissioned from composer Ben Johnston, as well as a fully staged version of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, and other works.

CURRENTS is co-sponsored by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Carpenter Foundation, Meet the Composer, Inc., the National Endowment for the Arts, the University of Richmond, and anonymous benefactors. This program of New Music from the Soviet Union is co-sponsored by the Office of International Education at the University of Richmond. Special thanks to Prof. Uliana Gabara for translation, transliteration, and general Soviet related advice.