

# Virginia's Blue Ridge Music Festival

David Stewart Wiley Artistic Director



## Classical Music in the Mountains Floyd EcoVillage – Celebration Hall

Sunday, June 18, 2023 3 pm

### ➤ **Virtuosi Classics**

Maestro David Stewart Wiley, Conductor & Piano  
Akemi Takayama & Matvey Lapin, Violin  
Julee Hickcox, Piccolo  
RSO Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

- ❖ **Britten** *Boisterous Bourree* from 'Simple Symphony'
  - ❖ **Walker** *Lyric for Strings*
- ❖ **J.S. Bach** *Concerto for Two Violins in D minor*  
Akemi Takayama & Matvey Lapin
- ❖ **Vivaldi** *Concerto for Piccolo in C Major*  
Julee Hickcox
- ❖ **Shostakovich** *Sinfonia No. 8 for String Orchestra in C minor*

**Hors d'oeuvres Reception, Meet the Artists**

Adults \$20, Students Free

Monday, June 19 6:30 pm

### ➤ **Mozart & More**

- ❖ **Mozart** *Piano Quartet in E-flat Major*
- ❖ **Svendsen** *Romance*

Akemi Takayama (violin), Satoko Rickenbacker (viola),  
Andrea DiGregorio (cello), David Stewart Wiley (piano)

**plus performances by extraordinary young  
musicians from the area**

Free Concert – Donation Suggested

### **Tickets & Information**

- Online at [www.VBRMF.org](http://www.VBRMF.org)
- Group Rates, Financial Assistance, Info: 540.651.6400
- Floyd EcoVillage located at 718 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA – then follow signs to Celebration Hall. Disability accessible. Artists and repertoire subject to change.



*Akemi Takayama & David Stewart Wiley*

**Maestro Wiley shared some thoughts about the music for the two-day program:**

“At the **Sunday concert**, our beloved Concertmaster Akemi Takayama and violin virtuoso Matvey Lapin are featured in Bach’s uplifting and sublime three-movement *Concerto for Two Violins*. The virtuosity and genius of the great J.S. Bach are on full display.

We also feature one of the most powerful masterpieces for string orchestra, *Sinfonia* by Dmitri Shostakovich -- his deeply moving human response to war, and one of his last and most compelling musical works. Shostakovich is simultaneously commenting through music on the needless brutality of autocracy and conflict, while touching the deepest levels of humanity and poignant beauty.

Finally, Vivaldi’s *Concerto for Piccolo* will be performed with virtuoso Julee Hickcox. Education and outreach remain vital to VBRMF’s mission, and this masterpiece was a sparkling musical gift to one of Vivaldi’s young students -- at a special orphanage and music school in Venice, Italy. Through music, these young musicians found meaning, hope, and a positive future under Antonio Vivaldi’s loving tutelage. Like Vivaldi’s student, Julee herself was adopted and has spoken about her beloved family and the gift of music in her own life – which we also strive to share in Floyd.

The **Monday concert** culminates with Maestro Wiley and three acclaimed RSO principal strings performing one of Mozart’s most beloved quartets, the *Piano Quartet in E-flat Major*. Johan Svendsen’s mountain-inspired work *Romance* (1881) -- among the most popular works in the romantic repertoire -- is performed by Akemi and David.

The middle part of the concert features performances by extraordinary young musicians from the NRV and Roanoke area, some supported and nurtured by VBRMF, and our Blue Ridge Strings students will be performing before the concert. Come early, and celebrate education, outreach, and musical excellence in Virginia’s Blue Ridge!”