

From **Russia with Love** \_\_\_\_\_

*Hopak* from *The Fair at Sorochintsi* Modest Mussorgsky  
(Rachmaninov, arr.) (1839-1881)

*Impromptu* Mily Balakirev  
(1837-1910)

Excerpts from *Scheherazade* Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) /  
Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)  
*Chanson Arabe / Danse Orientale*

*Romance*, Op. 6 No. 1 Sergei Vasilyevich Rachmaninov  
(1873-1943)

*neighbors to the south*

*Tzirani Tear* (Apricot Tree) Komitas, Vartapet, arr.  
(Armenian folk song) (1869-1935)

Two Pieces for Violin and Piano Aram Khachaturian  
(1903-1978)

*Lyric Poem* (1929)

*Dance* (1925)

\_\_\_\_\_ *Intermission* \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*Russian Dance* from *Swan Lake*

*Souvenir d'un lieu cher*, Op. 42

Meditation

Scherzo

Melody

*Valse-Scherzo*, Op. 34

**The Rawson Duo**, specializing in Romantic and early twentieth-century works, has given numerous recitals on college campuses and community performing arts series across the United States and Canada. The Rawsons now reside in Chimacum where they have founded Olympic Youth Strings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting string orchestral and chamber music on the Olympic Peninsula.

Violinist **Alan Rawson** has served on the music faculties of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and the University of Idaho in Moscow, and has recently retired from Minnesota State University Moorhead where he directed the University Orchestra and taught upper strings, and served as concertmaster of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony for twenty years.

A native of Fargo, North Dakota, pianist **Sandy Rawson** has been an active professional accompanist throughout her life, performing with numerous soloists and ensembles. Completing her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at the University of Minnesota, she continued her studies at the Musik Akademie in Vienna, Austria.

*Russian Gourmet Favorites*  
*prepared by Sandy Rawson*

Potato Onion Knishes

Chocolate Walnut Minions

Piroshki (turkey and mushroom)

Kolachki with Poppy Seeds

Ukrainian Snow Cap Cookies

Rohalyky z medom i magdalamy  
(Ukrainian honey horns with almond filling)

Russian Black Bread

*with*  
Baklazshannaia Ikra (eggplant and pepper spread)

*and*  
Baklazshannaia Zakuska (eggplant and herb spread)

CD recordings of recent Rawson Duo projects available for purchase, no frills but great sounding, \$10 (\$12 including postage):

*Nordlys* (Northern Lights: Scandinavian Masterworks for violin and piano), recorded December 2007

*From Russia with Love*, recorded April 2008

To order copies please contact Alan or Sandy Rawson.

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## What's Next?

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Alan and Sandy plan to continue their series of Artist/Gourmet concerts over the coming months. Soon to be announced, for *sometime late May and June*:

*Tales of the Vienna Woods* bringing to life the style and atmosphere of Old Vienna in its glorious period of waltz, opera, art and entertainment highlighted by music of Johann Strauss Jr., Fritz Kreisler, Schubert and others.

*OYSts Perform*. Students of the Rawsons' *Olympic Youth Strings* will conclude their spring semester of study with a concert of chamber works by Vivaldi, Bach, Mozart, Dvorak and more. A glimpse into their "modus operandi" is planned with a specially arranged medley from their warm-up routines, *Looney Tunes: Study in the Fast Lane*

——— And for the not so distant future, just a few. . . *Ideas Rattling Around*:

*Ma Vlast* (from my Homeland) endearing and passionate works by Czech composers, Smetana, Janacek and Dvorak

*The Gypsy in us All: from Haydn to Enescu*, a look at classical composers' "free Gypsy Spirit" highlighted by Enescu's Sonata No. 3, "In the Popular Roumanian Style"

*Sturm und Drang*, C.P.E. Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and others

Notice of event details, dates and times when scheduled will be sent via email or ground mail upon request. Be sure to be on the Rawsons' mailing list. Contact: rawson@waypoint.com or call 379-3449

Internet resources for today's program:

[www.WorldCat.org](http://www.WorldCat.org)

An amazing worldwide resource in locating hard to find material available through interlibrary loan from local libraries

[notes.Tarakanov.net](http://notes.Tarakanov.net)

In Russian, music scores available for free download (www.google.com/language\_tools will translate)

[www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

A vast collection of short videos related to just about anything

[www.ClassicalArchives.com](http://www.ClassicalArchives.com)

Collection of classical music live performances by lesser known artists including a large number of east European and Russian

[www.Rhapsody.com](http://www.Rhapsody.com)

Commercial subscription site with an excellent classical collection

[www.Komitas.am/eng](http://www.Komitas.am/eng)

Virtual museum dedicated to the life and work of Komitas, based in Yerevan, Armenia

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More information about Olympic Youth Strings can be found on their web site:

[www.mnstate.edu/rawson/oysters](http://www.mnstate.edu/rawson/oysters)

OYSts and Olympic Chamber Orchestra are registered trade names of Olympic Youth Strings



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## Rawson Duo Concert Series

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*violin and piano treasures  
of a bygone era*

*music by*

*Mussorgsky, Balakirev, Rimsky-Korsakov*

*Rachmaninov, Komitas, Khachaturian*

*and*

*Tchaikovsky*

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At the home of Alan and Sandy Rawson

10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum WA

Friday, April 11, 2 pm

Sunday, April 13, 4 pm

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