

GCSU Department of Music

Guest Artist Recital

Lindsay Leach Sparks, flute

Joshua K. Pifer, piano

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Max Noah Recital Hall



Program

Sonata for Flute and Cembalo in G minor, BWV 1020

Allegro

Adagio

Allegro

Johann Sebastien Bach
(1685–1750)

Lindsay Leach Sparks, flute
Joshua K. Pifer, piano

Sonata in D minor, K. 213, L. 108, “Andante”

Sonata in D Major, K 511, L. 314, “Allegro”

Domenico Scarlatti
(1685–1757)

Joshua K. Pifer, piano

“Danza de la Mariposa “ for solo flute

Valerie Colemam
(b. 1970)

Lindsay Leach Sparks, flute

Fantasia on an Ostinato

John Corigliano
(b. 1938)

Joshua K. Pifer, piano

Sonata for Flute and Piano in C Major

Allegro Cantabile

Aria: Moderato con moto

Allegro Scherzando

Otar Taktakishvili
(1924–1989)

Lindsay Leach Sparks, flute
Joshua K. Pifer, piano


Performer Biographies

Lindsay Leach Sparks is the newly appointed Assistant Professor of Flute and Music Theory at Valdosta State University, and originally from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Prior to starting at VSU, Dr. Sparks held similar positions at The University of Akron and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She still serves as the Online Professor of Jazz History and World Music in the graduate school at Rutgers University and as a College Board reader for the AP Music Theory Exam. In 2020, she co-founded the music non-profit Sparks Creative with her husband, violinist Michael Sparks.

Dr. Sparks performs as principal flute in the Valdosta Symphony and piccolo with the Symphony Orchestra Augusta. She has recordings on the Albany label. Dr. Sparks holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory, the Royal Academy of Music, and the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She is a registered yoga instructor and certified health coach. www.LLSparks.com

Joshua Pifer is Associate Professor of Piano and Keyboard Area Head at Valdosta State University. During the summer months, he serves as piano faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Festival. Prior to VSU, he served at Auburn University and Florida State University. Praised for his “sensitivity,” “color,” and “depth” in performance, Joshua has appeared in concerts on three continents as well as 25 U.S. states. His two CDs: “Alexander Tcherepnin My Favorite Piano Works” & “Plains2: Love Songs and Lyric Dance” released with Puros Records and co-produced with Chandler Bridges, a Grammy winning recording engineer, were praised as “full of intensity and commitment” and “brilliant and original.” Joshua is the founding member of several chamber ensembles: Plains2 with Dr. Matthew Wood, trombone; The Duo Echo with Jennifer Pifer, oboe; and the Geldrich-Lowe-Pifer Trio with clarinet, bassoon, and piano. Dr. Pifer provides masterclasses that are “filled with innovative substance and the joy of discovery”. He is a strong advocate for increasing professional music opportunities for collegiate students. As a pedagogue and performer, Dr. Pifer believes that music is a tool for inspiration. When not performing or teaching, Joshua can be found playing tennis or practicing culinary arts with his family.

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