

GCSU Department of Music

Guest Artist and Faculty Recital

Ari Streisfeld, violin
Lev Ryabinin, piano

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, 7:30 P.M.

Max Noah Recital Hall

and live streamed on facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment



Program

<i>Baal Shem</i>	Ernest Bloch
<i>Vidui</i>	(1880–1959)
<i>Nigun</i>	
<i>Simchas Torah</i>	

<i>Sarabande</i> from Partita no. 2 in D Minor	Johann Sebastian Bach
	(1685–1750)

Sonata no. 2 for solo violin	Grazyna Bacewicz
	(1909–1969)

Violin Sonata in E Minor, Op. 82	Edward Elgar
Allegro	(1857–1934)
Romance: Andante	
Allegro non troppo	

Biographies

Praised for his “dazzling performance” by the New York Times and “scintillating playing” by New York Classical Review, violinist **Ari Streisfeld** has quickly established himself as a leader in contemporary classical music. A founding member of the internationally acclaimed JACK Quartet, Ari has performed in the world’s leading concert halls and festivals. He has collaborated with many of today’s most prominent composers including John Luther Adams, Caroline Shaw, Julia Wolfe, and has recorded for Mode, Albany, Carrier, Innova, Cantaloupe, New Focus, Navona, and New World Records.

Together with his wife, mezzo-soprano Rachel Calloway, Ari formed Duo Cortona, a contemporary music ensemble dedicated to the creation of new works for the unique instrumentation of mezzo-soprano and violin. He is also a member of Shir Ami, an ensemble dedicated to the performance and preservation of Jewish art music.

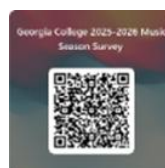
A passionate and committed music educator, Ari is currently Associate Professor of Violin and Violin Pedagogy at the University of South Carolina School of Music, Music Director for Point CounterPoint (Vermont), Artistic Director for the Cortona Sessions for New Music (Netherlands), and a faculty coach at the Lucerne Festival Academy (Switzerland). He previously taught violin and chamber music at New York's Special Music School, Face the Music, and New Music on the Point.

Ari performs on a beautiful Benjamin Ruth violin made in 1997 and a bow crafted by bowmaker Gilles Nehr in 2024. He holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music (Bachelor of Music), Northwestern University (Master of Music), and Boston University (Doctor of Musical Arts). His teachers include Zvi Zeitlin, Almita Vamos, and Peter Zazofsky.

www.aristreisfeld.com

Dr. Lev Ryabinin graduated with distinction from the Kharkov Institute of Arts, Ukraine, continued his education at the Samuel Rubin Academy of Music at Tel-Aviv University and received his Master's Degree in Piano Performance from Roosevelt University in Chicago. Dr. Ryabinin earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa, where he held a three-year teaching assistantship. Dr. Ryabinin won First Prize in the Tel-Aviv Academy Competition and was a finalist in the Kankakee Piano Concerto Competition. Dr. Ryabinin has worked as a collaborative pianist/accompanist for Interlochen Center for the Arts, Chicago Opera Theater, Roosevelt University, the University of Iowa, and numerous music theatre productions. He has also presented recitals in Germany, Ukraine, Israel, Spain and the United States. Dr. Ryabinin currently serves as staff accompanist and piano instructor at Georgia College.

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Guest Artist Recital Nick May, saxophone Alex Li, piano Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Max Noah Recital Hall	Guest Artist and Faculty String Chamber Music Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. Max Noah Recital Hall	Jazz Band Concert Jay Wucher, director Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Russell Auditorium
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