

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

Guest Faculty Recital

Robert Murray, trumpet

Alina Sarkisyan-Bennett, piano

Peri Sketches	Brandon Dicks (b. 1994)
Nocturno von John Field	Richard Hofmann (1844-1918)
Dragonfly Variations	Ray Bert Johnson (b. 1939)
Fantasy for Trumpet & Piano	Nikos Xanthoulis (b. 1962)
Kaleidosuite Moderato Presto Largo Andante espressivo	Ray Bert Johnson (b. 1939)
Hungarian Melodies [Magyar Dallamok]	Vincent Bach (1890-1976)
Song for a Friend In Memory of John Wacker	Kevin McKee (b. 1980)

The Thirteenth Concert of Academic Year 2017-2018

RECITAL HALL

LAIDLAW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Friday, October 20, 2017

7:30 p.m.

About the Artists

Robert Murray is Professor of Trumpet at Columbus State University. Praised for his “golden tone” and “convincing performances,” Dr. Robert Murray is a diverse performer in both classical and jazz idioms and has been featured at international conferences and in recital and masterclasses across the US. Currently Principal Trumpet of the North Charleston POPS! in Charleston, South Carolina, he is a former member of the Dallas Brass, has served as principal trumpet with orchestras in the US and Mexico, and has toured and performed with a variety of artists, big bands and Broadway productions.

Hailed for their “wonderful music rapport,” “impeccable intonation,” and “exquisite performances,” he and his wife, oboist Lauren Murray, perform together as the duo Harmonie del Sur. Performing all original works composed for them, they have performed in recital and given masterclasses throughout the US including Carnegie Hall, the Strathmore Music Center, and at a variety of international conferences.

Dr. Murray currently serves as Professor of Trumpet in the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University; his students can be found pursuing successful careers across the country as teachers, professors, performers and trumpet manufacturing specialists. Dr. Murray is honored to serve as the Archivist of the International Guild; Columbus State University is the home of the ITG Archives. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in trumpet from the University of North Texas. He studied trumpet with Keith Johnson, Gerald Webster, Fred Sautter, Roy Cummings, Claude Gordon and Ray Johnson. Dr. Murray is a Performing Artist for Mauriat Trumpets.

Pianist **Alina Sarkisyan-Bennett**, a prize winner of several international competitions, graduated from the Russian Gnesins Academy of Music and the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University.

A passionate chamber musician, while at CSU she initiated and performed several major chamber music projects including the complete Beethoven Sonatas for Piano and Violin performed in a series of three consecutive concerts in February 2013, and a recent recital of the Complete Brahms Sonatas for Violin and Piano in January 2016.

Mrs. Bennett has performed as a soloist and a chamber musician throughout Russia, Europe, Japan and the United States and currently works at the Schwob School of Music as a collaborative pianist.

Upcoming Laidlaw Concerts

Monday, October 23, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

USA Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Randolph Lee, Guest Faculty Trumpet Recital