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Concert Features Musicians from Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and GWU Violin Professors

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Distinguished Artist Series presents “Chamber Music 4 All” on March 19 at 8 p.m. in Hamrick Hall’s Blanton Auditorium. The ensemble features two GWU violin professors, Calin Lupanu and Monica Boboc, along with two musicians from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO), Benjamin Geller, principal violist, and Marlene Ballena, cellist. The concert is free and open to the public.

Lupanu and Boboc founded “Chamber Music 4 All” to bring high quality chamber music to people of all ages and socioeconomics. They also desire to inspire, educate and build a sense of community through chamber music.

Lupanu is also the concertmaster for the CSO. He has served on the faculty at Gardner-Webb since 2004. His awards as a soloist include the first prizes of the International Violin Competition in Stresa, Italy, and the National Violin Competition in Suceava, Romania. Prior to winning the national audition for the CSO position, Lupanu served as associate concertmaster of the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, concertmaster of the Evansville Philharmonic, principal second violin in the Alabama Symphony, and concertmaster of the West Virginia Symphony.

Boboc has toured extensively in the United States and collaborated with several artists. Also a CSO member, Boboc joined the Gardner-Webb faculty in 2005. As a member of the Lipatti String Quartet, she won prizes in national and international competitions.

Geller and Ballena joined the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra in 2014. Geller regularly performs as a soloist and as a chamber musician in the Charlotte area. Before coming to Charlotte, Ballena was a member of the Starling Honors Quartet at Carnegie Mellon, which represented the University through various performances in Pittsburgh, New York, Canada, and Qatar.



Calin Lupanu

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Monica Boboc