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Calin Lupanu, Monica Boboc, and Phillip Bush Perform Virtuoso Pieces for Violin and Piano

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Department of Music is pleased to present distinguished artists Calin Lupanu, Monica Boboc, and Philip Bush in concert. This event is free and open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 8:00 p.m. in Blanton Auditorium, located in Hamrick Hall on Gardner-Webb's main campus in Boiling Springs.

Violinist Monica Boboc performs regularly with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, in addition to teaching violin at Gardner-Webb University. A longtime member of the Colorado Music Festival Orchestra, Boboc was the Associate Concertmaster and later Concertmaster of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra from 2000 until 2002, and a member of the Montclair String Quartet from 2003 until 2004.

Violinist Calin Ovidiu Lupanu served as Concertmaster for the Colorado Music Festival since 2004, and as Concertmaster of the Charlotte Symphony for his fifth season in 2008-09. Lupanu completed his undergraduate studies at the Music Academy in Bucharest, where he served as Concertmaster of the conservatory's Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Lupanu is currently on the faculty of Gardner-Webb University as Artist-in-Residence and resides in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife Monica Boboc.

Philip Bush is a pianist of uncommon versatility, with a repertoire extending from the 16th to the 21st century. He has been praised by reviews world-over as one of the finest pianists of his generation. He studied with the famous American pianist Leon Fleisher. Bush's discography as soloist and chamber musician has now surpassed 30 recordings, on labels such as Sony, Virgin Classics, Koch International, New World Records, Denon, and many others. From 2000 to 2004 Mr. Bush taught piano and chamber music at the University of Michigan. Today, in addition to his busy performing schedule, he continues to give masterclasses, sharing his insights with young musicians in venues throughout the nation.

The evening will feature selections by Sarasate, Massenet, Bach, Debussy, and Sibelius, and the artists will be accompanied by their most advanced students. "The featured performers are the tops in their field, and we are very excited to offer this great concert for our students and the public! Come and be dazzled by brilliant and virtuosic playing," said Dr. Patricia Sparti, chair of Gardner-Webb's department of music.

For more information, call 704-406-4448.

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