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SELIM GIRAY, VIOLIN
JUNE CHUN, PIANO

Suite for Violin and Piano [*Demet*], Op. 33 (1955)

- I. Prelude
- II. Horon
- III. Zeybek
- IV. Kastamonian Dance

Inci's Book [Inci'nin Kitabı]

- I. Inci
- II. Rascal Kitty
- III. A Tale
- IV. The Giant Doll Baby
- V. A Play
- VI. Lullaby
- VII. A Dream

INTERMISSION

Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 20 (1941)

- I. Andante
- II. Molto vivo
- III. Largo
- IV. Allegro

Dr. **SELIM GIRAY** was appointed as Assistant Professor of violin and viola at Pittsburg State University in 2002. During the summers, Dr. Giray has been teaching at Interlochen Summer Camp. As a violinist, Dr. Giray has performed extensively in three continents, and has appeared frequently on national public radio and television. He has performed as soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, and orchestral player. Also an active researcher, currently he is editing Adnan Saygun's violin concerto for the Peermusic Classical. In 2003 Edwin Mellen Press published Dr. Giray's treatise titled *A Biography of the Turkish Composer Ahmed Adnan Saygun'un and a Discussion of his Violin Works*. The Minister of Culture of Turkey published the same work in Turkish, with a preface by then Minister of Culture, Istemihan Talay. As a doctoral candidate at the Florida State University, Selim Giray studied with Eliot Chappo, former concertmaster of such orchestras as the New York Philharmonic and the Dallas Symphony. Prior to that, in 1992 he was awarded a joint fellowship from the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and East Carolina University, where he studied with Fritz Gearhart. A native of Istanbul, Selim Giray graduated from Istanbul State Conservatory and Mimar Sinan University State Conservatory, where he studied with Saim Akçil. Dr. Giray performs on an exquisite violin made by Ansaldo Poggi (1950).

JUNE CHUN was born in Seoul, Korea and started playing the piano at age 5. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at Seoul National University and continued her music study at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she received her Master of Music degree in piano performance. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts in piano performance at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She studied with Ian Hobson and Byron Janis, the first student of Vladimir Horowitz, and performed in masterclasses with Leon Fleisher, Claude Frank and Warren Jones.

Dr. Chun was the first prize winner of the McMahon International Music Competition in Oklahoma. She was also the Third prize winner in the New Orleans International Piano Competition, the second prize winner of the Sorantin Young Artist Award and the first prize winner of the National Teenager Piano Competition in Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Chun received the Samick Music Foundation scholarship at Seoul National University, awarded by the faculty to the best performer at the School of Music. Upon graduating from the Cleveland Institute of Music, she received that institution's Arthur Loesser Award, a prize voted by faculty and given to the year's best performer. As the winner of Schumann/Chopin Summer Festival at the University of Illinois, she performed with the Festival Orchestra at the Foellinger Great Hall of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Dr. Chun also performed with the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra. She gave a recital and masterclass at Cameron University in Oklahoma and the University of Akron in Ohio. In addition, she has given numerous other recitals in the states including a recital at the Ravinia Hall in Chicago, the Interlochen Summer Festival, the Liszt Conference at the University of Illinois, and the Elvehjem Art Museum in Madison, WI, which was live broadcast statewide. Her performance of Clementi Sonatinas Op.36 and 37, released by Centaur Records, has been frequently broadcast nationwide on public radio. She served as a piano faculty at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville and Northern Kentucky University.

