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**Musica Verto Novo & Student Compositions Program**  
**Wash Park Center for Music and Arts**  
**400 S Williams St., Denver, CO**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

*Suggested donation: \$5 for all attendees*

**Musica Verto Novo\* performing new works from the Abundant Silence catalog**

\*Musica Verto Novo, translated as "New Music Exchange," is a chamber ensemble focused on performing new musical works of art by 21st Century composers. MVN performs for concerts, festivals, educational programs and house concerts worldwide.

- Chichi (piano trio).....Andrés Soto  
Elegy (violina & piano).....Emerson Eads  
Nocturne in D Minor, Op. 19, No. 4 (1873).....Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)  
Arr. piano trio 2016 by Houle  
Canto de la Ave Rapiega (cello & piano).....Ivan Božičević (b. 1961)  
i. Chacona  
ii. Fandango  
Cape Roca (cello & piano).....Ayumi Okada  
Piano Trio No. 1.....Ayumi Okada

**Luke Rackers, piano**  
**Lannie Shelton, violin**  
**Kari Clifton, cello**

*5-minute Intermission*

**Performances of 7 student compositions by the judges and Luke Rackers**

**All works are Finalists in the new Best Written Composition(s) category**  
Nomination(s) & decisions re: publication will be announced at the Saturday evening Awards Ceremony

- Night Eagle Nocturne.....Desi Silverman-Joseph (b. 2004)  
Animal Suite.....Rebecca Olsen (b. 2007)  
i. The Tiger  
ii. Marionettes  
iii. Dolphins  
iv. The Elephant  
vi. Walking on the Beach  
vii. The Gazelle  
viii. Chirping

**Luke Rackers**

The Summit.....Jacob Hon (b. 2000)  
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Side Saddle Sonata.....Greta Thoresen (b. 2003)  
i. Howdy Hoedown  
ii. Peaceful Prairie  
iii. Rootin' Tootin' Rondo

**John Salmon**

Midnight (for two pianos).....Mason Marcy (b. 2004)  
**John Salmon and Kevin Olson**

What They Say in Space.....Maria Ali (b. 1998)  
Dreaming.....Mark Worthington (b. 1999)  
**Kevin Olson**

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**Luke Rackers Biography**



**Luke Rackers** is a composer, producer, pianist, and teacher living in Denver, CO. He is Executive Director of Abundant Silence, which he founded in 2011. With a Masters of Fine Arts in music composition, Luke uses his education, experience in music as a performer, composer and educator, and expertise in a variety music business endeavors to help composers successfully present their artistic voice to the world. Luke has over a decade of experience in the music industry and loves learning about new ways to help promote and produce new musical works of art. Luke performs in a variety of ensembles including his new music ensemble, Musica Verto Novo, which performs many of the works in the Abundant Silence catalog. He composes primarily for solo piano and small ensemble. Finally, Luke spends much of his time as a recording and audio engineer, helping musicians, film producers and others capture high quality audio for their projects. He lives in Denver, CO on an urban farm with his lovely wife, a wonderful house-mate, 2 dogs, 6 chickens and a ton of fruit and vegetable plants.

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**Upcoming:**

- **Judges and Director Recital**  
Tomorrow evening, Fri., June 10, 7:00 P.M., same location (\$15/\$10/\$5)
- **Celebration of Students' Best Recital 🎉 & Awards Ceremony**  
Sat., June 11, 5:00 P.M., same location (\$15/\$10/\$5)