



Alexandria Film Festival

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Sara Leila Sherman, Expressive Solo Pianist, to perform at The Lyceum following Alexandria Film Festival's screening of "Virtuoso: The Olga Samaroff Story, Saturday, November 6th at 6:15pm

(For information and tickets please visit: www.AlexandriaFilm.org)

On Saturday, November 6, at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington Street in Alexandria, Sara Leila Sherman, Expressive Solo and Chamber Pianist will perform Beethoven's Op. 110, a special performance to be held in conjunction with the film screening of the legendary virtuoso Olga Samaroff that begins at 6:15pm, a special presentation by the 2010 Alexandria Film Festival.

Ms. Sherman, who lives and teaches music in New York City, has studied and performed on stage all over the world including at the Castle of San Lorenzo Picenardi, Capella di Santa Chiari, San Secondo Parmense, France, and Ukraine. Her three degrees include graduate work at Manhattan School of Music and undergraduate work at Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University. She has received numerous scholarships and honors both nationally and internationally and been featured in the New York Times. One of her current ensembles includes the founding of Project 60/40, an innovative group of classical and contemporary music.

"I have chosen to play 'Beethoven's Op. 110' because I think it will be in keeping with the theme of Olga Samaroff's story," said Ms. Sherman. "Olga Samaroff was the first American pianist to perform all 32 Beethoven Sonatas in concert. She was also the first American on the piano faculty at Juilliard in 1924 and she launched the careers of our first generation American born, American-trained concert artists."

The 60 minute documentary "Virtuoso: The Olga Samaroff Story" by Director Donna Kline is based on the book, "An American Virtuoso on the World Stage" and was selected as one of 39 films to be shown in the 4th Annual Alexandria Film Festival that is taking place in several locations beginning November 4th.

Ms. Sherman will perform immediately following the "Olga Samaroff" screening.

The 2010 Alexandria Film Festival is organized and presented by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Alexandria Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities. This year's offerings include independent, short and feature length films, documentaries, animation and narrative films in all categories.

For a schedule at a glance, film descriptions, tickets, locations and to see film trailers please visit:
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