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**Letters from Russia**  
**featuring soprano Ailyn Pérez**  
**September 17-20, 2015**

New Century opens the 2015-2016 season with a debut appearance by Metropolitan Opera star, soprano Ailyn Pérez in a program that features masterworks by Russian composers Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich. The program also includes selected works by Featured Composer Jennifer Higdon.

Tickets: \$61 A seating | \$49 B seating | \$29 C seating |  
 Open Rehearsal: \$15 General Admission

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[Open Rehearsal](#): Wednesday, September 16, 10am, [Kanbar Performing Arts Center](#)



Berkeley: Thursday, September 17, 8 pm, [First Congregational Church](#)

Palo Alto: Friday, September 18, 8 pm, [First United Methodist Church](#)

San Francisco: Saturday, September 19, 8 pm, [San Francisco Conservatory of Music](#)

San Rafael: Sunday, September 20, 5 pm, [Osher Marin Jewish Community Center](#)

**Tchaikovsky:** *Eugene Onegin* "Letter Scene"

**Rachmaninoff:** *Vocalise*

Ailyn Pérez, soprano

**Shostakovich:** *Elegy and Polka*

**Pärt:** *Trisagion*

**Jennifer Higdon:** *Strings* from Concerto for Orchestra

**Jennifer Higdon:** *String Lake* from All Things Majestic

**Jennifer Higdon:** *To the Point*

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## Meet Rebekah Harkins



As some of you know, Director of Advancement Alana Green recently moved on to spend more time with her family, in particular her 11 month old son. Although we are sad to see her go, we are delighted to introduce New Century Chamber Orchestra's new Director of Development, Rebekah Harkins. After an exhaustive search, we are thrilled that Rebekah has accepted our offer to join the New Century Family. Rebekah comes to New Century from New York City, where she has been Director of Programs and Development for the Opus 118 Harlem Music School. As head of the Opus 118 organization, Rebekah oversaw one of the most impressive after school music programs in the country. Opus118 is most famous for its group violin instruction for young students, and has expanded to offerings to meet the needs of the Harlem community by offering students private, partner, and group instruction in a variety of instruments.

Her impressive track record of fundraising, and programmatic leadership at Opus 118 translates beautifully to our programs and aspirations for New Century.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, and the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College in New York City, Rebekah has an impressive career history in the arts. She worked as Associate Manager of Individual Giving at the League of American Orchestras, and served as Coordinator of Professional Programs at Carnegie Hall. In 2011, Rebekah was honored as a semi-finalist in the MBA Case Competition at the prestigious Aspen Institute.

## Upcoming Events



### **Private Concert and Dinner *at the Home of* Ann and Gordon Getty Thursday, October 8, 6pm**

Tickets will be sold for \$500, \$1000 and \$2,500 per person. Seats will be limited for this special event.

For more information, contact us at 415.357.1111, ext. 306.