

Virtuoso Soloists
(www.virtuososoloists.com)

Founded in New York City in 2014, Virtuoso Soloists of New York (VSNY) is a realization of a group of young musicians' dream to commission, perform and record classical music on the international stage. Each player comes from a diverse background, and brings his or her own personality, culture, life experiences and musical flair to every performance. Bound together by a passion for musical exploration and excellence, VSNY attracts new audiences by crafting unique programs that highlight the connection between well-known classics and newly commissioned pieces. VSNY has been working closely with living composers such as Boston-based John. H. Wallace and Ketty Nez, Italian composer Mario Pagotto, and Portuguese composers Tiago Cabrita and Eurico Carrapatoso.

VSNY has performed extensively during the course of its two-year existence, both across the United States and abroad. In Summer 2015, VSNY completed a two-week tour of Northern Italy, including a residency at the Udine National Conservatory. This tour brought to fruition the group's collaboration with Italian composer Mario Pagotto, who dedicated a new piece to the group. In three sold-out concerts, VSNY performed premiers of Pagotto's work alongside a newly commissioned piece by Boston University composer John H. Wallace and masterpieces from the standard repertoire. In light of the group's acclaimed performances, VSNY was offered a contract to record a CD of Pagotto's music, which will be released by the Music Ensemble Publishing Italia label in Fall 2016.

Most recently, VSNY traveled to Portugal to present a series of concerts throughout the country. In addition to these performances in some of Portugal's most renowned concert halls, the ensemble was invited by the Bendada Philharmonic Society to organize the inaugural season of the Bendada Music Festival (www.bendadamusicfest.com), where VSNY served as the ensemble-in-residence as well as guest faculty.

Everywhere they perform, VSNY is strongly committed to making classical music accessible to local communities. VSNY often engages in outreach performances to bring the joy of music to hospitals, retirements houses, and schools.

Edoardo Carpenedo - *Founder and Artistic Director, piano*

Inês Andrade - *piano*

Aleksandra Labinska - *violin*

Micah Ringham - *violin*

Yoni Avi Battat - *viola*

Gracie Keith - *cello*

Courtney Miller - *oboe*

Samuel Marques - *clarinet*