

Noted violinist Blanca Gonzalez to give Monday concert at MostArts Festival

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ALFRED, NY Violinist Blanca Cecilia González will perform Maurice Ravel's Tzigane-Rhapsodie de concert with the MostArts Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Yuval Zaliouk, on Monday, July 9. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Alfred University's Miller Theater.

In 1922 Maurice Ravel heard the young Hungarian violin virtuoso and niece of Joseph Joachim, Jelly D'Aranyi, in concert in London. Following the performance, Ravel spent the remainder of the evening requesting her to play numerous gypsy tunes on her violin, probing her on the technical limits of the instrument. The result of this encounter is Ravel's virtuoso classic Tzigane.

Gonzalez began conservatory training at age 4 and grew up performing Latin American folk as well as traditional classical music in her native country Colombia. Moving to New York at age 11, she was exposed to many styles and genres of music. She is an active collaborator and diversified player, with projects from traditional classical, to jazz, contemporary, rock and folk. She has performed in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, as well as in stages across the United States, Europe and South America.

The orchestra will open the July 9 concert with Ravel's breath taking Pavane. The concert will conclude with an orchestral war-horse by Franz Schubert, his Symphony No. 9 in C major, known as "The Great." Tickets may be purchased online at mostarts.alfred.edu, or from the Alfred University Bookstore, the MostArts Shop on Main Street or by calling 607-871-2828.