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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 AT 7.30 PM
ZANKEL HALL AT CARNEGIE HALL



**ROXANA
CONSTANTINESCU**
MEZZO-SOPRANO

PROGRAM

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Piano quartet in e-flat major, op.47

GEORGE ENESCU

Sept chansons de Clément Marot

PETERIS VASKS

Quartet for piano, violin, viola and cello



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Ensemble Raro was formed in 2004 by four outstanding young musicians, quickly establishing their place internationally with creative programming, combining contemporary and classical repertoire to critical acclaim. For the past four years, they have been the ensemble-in-residence at the **SoNoRo Festival in Bucharest**, one of Eastern Europe's most successful and innovative music festivals, performing with musicians including Konstantin Lifschitz, Daishin Kashimoto, Mark Padmore, Alexander Chaushian, David Cohen and Adrian Brendel. **Ensemble Raro** gave the British and German premières of Peteris Vasks's Piano Quartet.

Award-winning mezzo-soprano **Roxana Constantinescu** is currently part of Vienna Staatsoper's ensemble, and appears regularly as a guest artist in concerts and operas around the world. She recently made her debut at Carnegie Hall with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Pierre Boulez.



"Ensemble Raro bring a feisty application, impeccable polish and lively imagination to Brahms's stormy C minor Piano Quartet..."
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"...played not only with contagious joy, but...with such fire and feeling for transparency, that the success was inevitable... The Piano Quintet by Cesar Franck in the first half was performed with stirring passion..."
Süddeutsche Zeitung

"These young musicians embody a musical esprit, which can be described by superior technique, high emotional power and refined reactions."
Dresdener Neueste Nachrichten

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