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## MUSIC "Magnificent Brunch"

Musical Upcoming Stars in the Classics hosted a spectacular performance at the InterContinental Hotel Cleveland, introducing the M.U.S.i.C. International Chamber Orchestra that showcased the American premiere of a new orchestration of Liszt's "Spanish Rhapsody."

Followed by a delicious brunch, the more than 124 guests were treated to a concert by the M.U.S.i.C. International Chamber Orchestra with concertmaster Michelle Abraham that began with selections by Handel, Purcell, Bach and Haydn conducted by Alexander Kostritsa. The second half, conducted by Fedor Amosov, featured music by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Porter and Liszt.

Among the celebrated performers were soprano Kristin Hagan, tenor Armando Contreras, Mr. Amosov on cello and Mr. Kostritsa on piano.

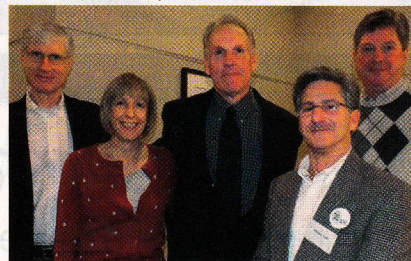
M.U.S.i.C is committed to providing intimate performance opportunities for emerging world-class musicians. The organization, headed by artistic director Jodi Kanter, finds venues, arranges concerts, provides programs, publicity and refreshments and pays performers. By way of its activities, according to Ms. Kanter, the organization helps launch new musical careers, introduces novel performance venues and expands the audience for chamber music. STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY SALI McSHERRY



Armando Contreras and Jodi Kanter (MUSIC)



Pierre van der Westhuizen, Robert Villarreal, Jodi Kanter and Jon Theobald (MUSIC)



Steve Szilagyi, Joan and Paul Kolb, Manny Naft, and Frank Buck (MUSIC)

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Tamer Edlebi, Liza Saracina and Katrina King (MUSIC)

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