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## STRING MASTER CLASS WITH ALMITA AND ROLAND VAMOS AT CONCORDIA CONSERVATORY ON MARCH 11

**Bronxville, NY** - Concordia Conservatory of Music & Art will present a master class with world-renowned violinist and violist and teacher, Almita and Roland Vamos, on Sunday, March 11 at 3pm at Stein Hall at Concordia College. Conservatory students participating in the master class are: violinists Elizabeth Hasfal, Elizabeth Murray, Katharine O'Hare, Nora Donohue, and Gretel Poggioli and cellist Chris Magnani. The student violinists and cellist attend Bronxville Elementary & Middle School, New Rochelle High School, Pennington Elementary School in Mount Vernon, respectively.

### About Almita and Roland Vamos

**Roland Vamos** graduated from the Juilliard School, where he received his BS, MS, and Doctoral degrees. He studied with Oscar Shumsky and William Lincer. Dr. Vamos has held the position of soloist and concertmaster of several orchestras and was a member of the Contemporary String Quartet, the Antioch String Quartet, and the Morningside Trio. As a conductor and soloist he has appeared in Europe, Australia, Iceland, Korea, Taiwan, and the United States.

He has presented master classes worldwide, and has served as jury member for many national and international competitions. His students are laureates of numerous national and international competitions, including Tchaikovsky, the Tchaikovsky for Youth, Sibelius, Lexus, Klein, Queen Elizabeth, Menuhin, Paganini, Hamms and Primrose and Montreal. In 1993, he co-founded the Weathersfield Music Festival. Dr. Vamos holds the ASTA distinguished service award and twice received the Presidential Excellence in teaching.

Mr. Vamos has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and other television programs. He was the conductor of Eastern Kentucky University Orchestra and Western Illinois University Orchestra for fourteen years and conducted the Opera Orchestra at the University of Minnesota. Formerly a Professor of Viola at Oberlin College and the University of Minnesota, Dr. Vamos has been teaching at the Music Institute of Chicago for 28 years, is presently Professor of Viola at Northwestern University, and conductor of the American Chamber Orchestra since its inception. He teaches viola and chamber music at the Chautauqua Summer Music Institute.

**Almita Vamos** is a graduate of the Juilliard School where she studied with Mischa Mischakoff and Louis Persinger. She was a member of the Lydian Trio and the Antioch Quartet, and has recorded under cornet and Rizzoli labels. She has concertized throughout North, Central and South America, Europe and Asia. Her recitals in New York won praise from the New York Times and Herald Tribune. She won the Concert Artist Guild Award, among many other prizes, and has performed recitals at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, Town Hall and Carnegie Recital Hall. She continues to perform as soloist and chamber musician in America and abroad. Mrs. Vamos and her husband have recently commissioned works for violin and viola by living composers in Chicago and are in the process of recording them.

Mrs. Vamos' students have won top prizes in many national competitions including Klein, Stuhlburg, Johannsen, Corpus Christi, Kingsville; and international competitions including Tchaikovsky, Carl Flesch, Menuhin, Bach, (Leipzig), Sziget, Kreisler, Neilsen, Paganini and Montreal. Her students play in many orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, Boston, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, National Symphony, Minnesota, Hong Kong, Oslo Philharmonic and among others.

Almita Vamos has won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching six times, the ASTA Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, and has been featured on "Sunday Morning" CBS and in the New York Times best-selling book, *Battle Hymn of a Tiger Mom* by Amy Chua. Mrs. Vamos has served on the violin faculty of the University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, and the Oberlin Conservatory. Currently, she is a professor of violin at Northwestern University and the Music Institute of Chicago and in the summer, she is on faculty at the Chautauqua Summer Music Institute.

Tickets are: \$5 for adults, children, and seniors and may be purchased by calling 914-395-4507 or by visiting [www.concordiaconservatory.org](http://www.concordiaconservatory.org).

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