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VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

**Duo Tierra Fria**

**Brant Blackard & Connor Stevens**

**Friday, September 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.**

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall | W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Blue Ridge (2014) ..... Michael Burritt  
(1962 – )

French Suite in B minor BWV 814 (1722) ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685 – 1750)

- *Intermission* -

The Loneliness of Santa Claus (1994) ..... Fredrik Andersson  
(1975 – )

Clapping Music (1972) ..... Steve Reich  
(1936 – )  
colored by Brant Blackard

Spanish Groove (2011) ..... Alejandro Vinao  
(1951 – )

Avril 14<sup>th</sup> (2001) ..... Richard D. James  
(1971 – )  
arranged by Brant Blackard

## About Duo Tierra Fria

Duo Tierra Fría was formed by Brant Blackard and Connor Stevens while both were students at the Eastman School of Music. Brant and Connor are focused on performing contemporary music composed for duo percussion, as well as presenting their own arrangements of music within the classic repertoire. Duo Tierra Fría has performed at the Eastman School of Music, the 2015 Great Plains International Marimba Competition and the Valencia International Performance Academy & Festival in Spain. In 2016 they have given performances and clinics at Florida State University, University of South Alabama, University of Central Arkansas, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Kennesaw State University and the Atlanta Percussion Symposium. The duo also currently performs as part of the Eastman BroadBand Ensemble and have participated at the soundSCAPE festival in Maccagno, Italy, and the Valencia International Performance Academy & Festival.

## Upcoming VCU Music Events

### **John Bullard, classical banjo**

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 4 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$10 students

### **Jesús Silva Guitar Scholarship Concert**

Friday, September 16, 2016, 7 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Free admission

### **Dover Quartet**

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

2016 -17 Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert Series

\$34 general admission, \$31 seniors/VCU Alumni Association members

### **Faculty Recital: Jue Chen, guzheng**

Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

Free admission

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