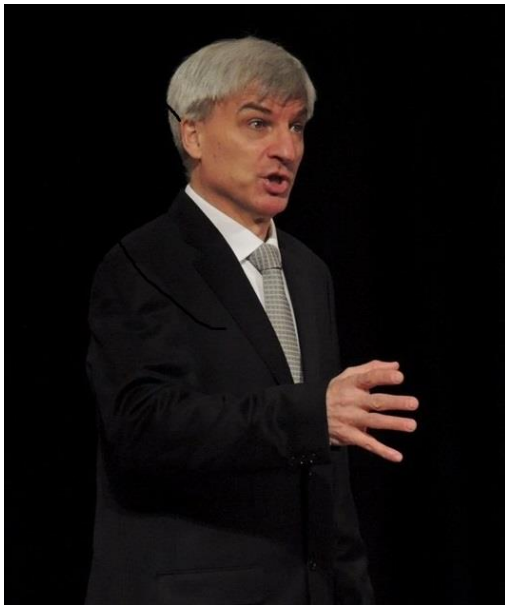


The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia kindly invites you  
to the concert on the occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Slovenia's independence  
**on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6 pm at Freiman Hall**  
School of Music, University of Ottawa (610 Cumberland Street, Ottawa)

Bass-Baritone, **Juan Vasle**, and pianist **Nastasia Zibrat** will present  
arias from famous operas and Slovenian folk songs.



Slovenian bass baritone, **Juan Vasle**, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he received his diploma as a singer at the Superior Institute of Arte (Instituto Superior de Arte) of the Teatro Colón. He was a finalist at the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition in Philadelphia. Since 1990, he is a member of the solo ensemble of the SNG Opera and Ballet Ljubljana, where he has performed a long line of important bass roles: Zaccaria, Lindorf, Coppelius, Dappertuto, Miracle, don Alfonso, Ferrando, Escamillo, Martin Krpan, St. Bris, etc. Taking part in guest appearances in Australia, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Italy, Canada, Kosovo, Peru, Uruguay, etc., he has also performed in many oratorios of Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Rossini, Verdi and lieder recitals.



**Nastasia Zibrat** started playing piano at the age of 5. She has won numerous national and international awards, such as: 1st place in her age category at the Arthur Rubinstein International Competition in Paris, National Slovenian Piano Competitions, and Kiwanis Competitions in Toronto. She has been performing actively in Slovenia, Croatia, France, Italy, Canada and the US. She holds a Bachelor of Music in piano performance from the University of Toronto, where she graduated with Honours, as well as a Master of Arts in Music Therapy and Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. She currently resides and works in Denver as a Board Certified Music Therapist.

The event starts with a reception at 5:30 pm.  
Please also invite your friends. Admission is free.

We would like to thank the School of Music, University of Ottawa for sponsoring the venue.

