

November 2008: Chamber Music Concert Held in Commemoration of 70th Anniversary of Kristallnacht:

On Sunday, November 9, a special Chamber Music concert in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht was held at the Villa Aurora.

The artists residence and historic landmark, former home of exiled German-Jewish writer Lion Feuchtwanger and his wife Marta, was the perfect setting for Friedrich Edelmann, bassoonist, Rebecca Rust, cellist, and Sergey Silvanskiy, piano, to present the work of composers who had been persecuted or banned by the Nazis, thereby giving voices back to composers whose work had been nearly forgotten. Compositions by two romantic German-Jewish composers, Robert Kahn (1865 – 1951) and Hans Gál (1890 -1987), who both had to flee the Nazi tyranny, as well as by Max Stern and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, were performed by the musicians...