

metropolis ensemble



ANNA ELASHVILI / VIOLIN

Violinist Anna Elashvili, hailed as "riveting" by the *New York Times*, has appeared as a soloist, chamber musician and concertmaster around the world. She has collaborated with renowned artists such as Lynn Harrell, Dawn Upshaw, Daniel Hope and Maxim Vengerov. Alex Ross in *The New Yorker*, wrote "Anna Elashvili all but transformed the early, nondescript [Britten] Suite for Violin and Piano, maintaining ferocious accuracy far into the upper register."

In 2006 Ms. Elashvili was nominated to be a fellow with Ensemble ACJW, a collaborative program of Carnegie Hall and The Juilliard School. From the alumni of ACJW, **Decoda** was born and appointed first Ensemble-in-Residence of Carnegie Hall. Anna has been a core member since its start. She has also performed with the East Coast Chamber Orchestra, NOVUS NY, Exponential

Ensemble and was the first violinist of the Bryant Park Quartet, a group for which she wrote arrangements and recorded an album. She has participated in university residencies including Princeton, Vassar, Skidmore, SUNY, Lawrence and Cornell. Her international travels have included concerts in England, Mexico, Germany, Canada, Israel, Iceland and Abu Dhabi.

Having studied dance for several years, Anna really enjoys her collaborations with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Wendy Whelan, the Mark Morris Dance Group and others. She has also integrated her love of tango into her performances, by arranging and writing her own tangos. Some crossover collaborations include artists, Natalie Merchant, Becca Stevens and Anthony and the Johnsons.

Anna currently teaches at the Special Music School High School. A native of Baltimore she studied with Klara Berkovich and Violaine Melançon at the Peabody Preparatory and Baltimore School for the Arts. Anna received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from The Juilliard School under the instruction of Prof. Joel Smirnoff and Masao Kawasaki. She has attended Yellow Barn, Perlman Music Program, Tanglewood and the Verbier Music Festivals.