

The American Scandinavian Society

Ole Bull 2010

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As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of OLE BULL's birth with

A Wizardly Virtuoso Halloween House Concert

Date: **Sunday, October 31st, 2010**

Time: **4 to 6 pm** – Sit down for Music promptly at 4:20 pm

Champagne and Hors d'œuvres will follow

Place: 1185 Park Avenue, New York City (93/94)

Apt. 4G, home of Vibeke Steineger

Lorentz Reitan, Associate Professor at the Grieg Academy, Bergen, Norway

will introduce music by

Ole Bull and Edvard Grieg

performed by Norway's young, prizewinning sibling duo:

Julie Coucheron Piano

David Coucheron, Violin

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VIBEKE STEINEGER, 1185 PARK AVENUE, 4-G - NEW YORK, NY 10128-1308

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Ole Bornemann Bull, born in Bergen, Norway in 1810 became a world-renown violinist and composer. His impassioned dedication to his country's musical traditions played a key role in the development of Norwegian culture following Norway's separation from Denmark and the rise to independence from Sweden. He was a mentor to young Edvard Grieg, founded the National Theater in Bergen, but was a cosmopolitan and a traveler. Ole Bull performed throughout the world, and became particularly inspired by America, where he was well known as a wizard on the violin and captivated his audience with his virtuoso, charismatic performances. He married Sara Thorpe from Boston, she was 19, and he was a widower at 60. He was a musician, net worker, promoter, and Norway's first superstar.

David (26), American Scandinavian Society's Cultural Grant Award Recipient 2006, has a **Master Degree of Music** from **The Juilliard School** and a **Master of Musical Performance** from **the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London**. He is now the **Concert Master of Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** and is performing in Carnegie Hall, October 30th.

Julie (24) has a **Bachelor of Music** and a **Master of Arts Degree, both with 1st class Honors, from The Royal Academy of Music in London**. She is now teaching and performing everywhere.

David and Julie have performed internationally from a very young age, as a duo, and as soloists with chamber ensembles and major orchestras. They have recorded two CDs and have won numerous awards and competitions, most recently the first prize at the Concorso Internazionale di Musica "Citta di Pinerolo" Competition in 20, Turin, Italy.

Lorentz Reitan is a professional musicologist and the **Special Advisor to "Ole Bull 2010"**, International Programs. He is the former **Executive Director of the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and the Artistic and Managing Director of the Annual Bergen International Festival**. He has written a biography about Harald Sæverud. Reitan has numerous responsibilities in the field of Norwegian culture.

In 2010, a myriad of arts institutions are collaborating to mark the 200th anniversary of Ole Bull's birth, and Her Majesty, Queen Sonja of Norway, is the official patron of **Ole Bull 2010**.

American Scandinavian Society of New York, Inc., founded in 1908, is a not for profit membership corporation, staffed exclusively by volunteers. The goal of the Society is to present its members and the general public with an ongoing insight into Scandinavian culture through programs such as lectures, concerts, theater, art exhibits and excursions, and the event is usually heightened by the atmosphere of the setting and the receptions to follow with Nordic delicacies, and an opportunity for members to socialize. The highlight every year is our delightful and merry Christmas Ball - the first Friday in December. This year it will be held at the elegant Metropolitan Club, in the middle of Manhattan, December 3, and the fun starts at 7PM.