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Poetry Foundation and PianoForte Foundation present

Music/Words Poetry Off the Shelf Inna Faliks, Valzhyna Mort &

Vera Pavlova

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Celebrated pianist Inna Faliks is the founder and curator of the award-winning interdisciplinary series Music/Words, which explores the connections between poetry and music. After her debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at age 15, she has performed on many of the world's great stages, with numerous orchestras, in solo appearances, and with conductors such as Leonard Slatkin and Keith Lockhart.



Valzhyna Mort, winner of *Poetry* magazine's Bess Hokin Prize and the author of *Factory of Tears* and *Collected Body*, was born in Minsk, Belarus. She composes her poems in Belarusian as attempts are being made to revitalize the traditional language. Mort received the Crystal of Vilenica award in Slovenia in 2005 and the Burda Poetry Prize in Germany in 2008. She lives in Washington, D.C.



Vera Pavlova was born in Moscow. She graduated from the Gnessin Academy, specializing in the history of music, and is the author of fourteen collections of poetry, four opera librettos, and lyrics to two cantatas. Her works have been translated into eighteen languages. Her first poetry collection in English, If There Is Something to Desire, was a bestselling title in 2010.

Music/Words

Vera Pavlova - 14 short poems

Inna Faliks - Basso Ostinato, by Rodion Shchedrin

Valzhyna Mort - poems

Inna Faliks - Chaconne, Sofia Gubaidulina
Ballade # 1 in g minor op 23, Chopin

Vera Pavlova - 12 short poems

Inna Faliks - Polonaise in C major opus 89, Beethoven

Maiden's Wish, Chopin - Liszt

Valzhyna Mort - Excerpts from "Aunt Anna"

Inna Faliks - Sonata opus III in c minor, Beethoven

Maestoso, Allegro con brio ed appassionato

Arietta: Adagio molto semplice e cantabile