

**VESNA DUO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM & OUTREACH OFFERINGS  
2024/2025**

*Tale of The Rite of Spring*

- Suitable for kindergarten to high school levels
- 60-minute session
- In-person

Embark on a captivating journey with Vesna Duo as they unravel the enchanting story behind Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring." Tailored for youth of all ages and skill levels, this interactive session combines storytelling, movement, dance demonstrations, and discussions on ancient pagan rituals which inspired the masterpiece.

There is also mention of the controversies – namely, Disney's decision to marry this music to dinosaurs (much to Stravinsky's dismay), and the infamous ballet's opening night in Paris.

During the 60-minute workshop, Ksenija Komljenović and Liana Pailodze Harron will guide attendees in exploring the rhythmic and narrative elements of Stravinsky's ballet. Participants will engage in movement activities within their comfort zones, witness dance elements demonstrated by the duo, and delve into the fascinating world of ancient rituals.

This outreach program is a dynamic educational experience that blends artistry, history, and movement, leaving them with a newfound understanding of "The Rite of Spring" and its cultural significance.

## *Composer Workshop: Writing for Piano and Percussion*

- Suitable for music students of all ages
- 60-minute session
- Virtual or in-person

Vesna Duo addresses the art of arranging and composing for 'wild card' ensembles like percussion and piano, where innovation takes center stage. In this dynamic 60-minute session, participants not only unravel the challenges and opportunities of composing for unconventional ensembles but also explore the instruments' "weaknesses" and discover how to turn them into creative strengths.

The workshop pushes boundaries with a focus on extended techniques and chamber music making, providing students with hands-on insights into unconventional methods of producing sound. From prepared piano techniques to experimental percussion sounds, this session encourages students to think beyond traditional approaches.

## *Career-Building for Young Performers*

- Geared toward college students (especially seniors and graduate students)
- 75-minute session
- Virtual or in-person

This career-building session is tailored for college students on the brink of graduation or venturing into the real world of performance. The duo guides aspiring performers on the essential skills (artistry, stage presence, communication, digital marketing), building a supportive network (mentors, collaborators, managers, agents), and funding sources (grants, sponsorships) crucial for a successful career launch.

The session includes a *Dream Big Brainstorm*, a conversation where attendees share their greatest dreams and potential challenges. By facilitating a discussion, the duo provides practical insights and strategies to overcome obstacles, turning dreams into actionable plans.