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Wilton Library fund-raiser features violinist Netta Hadari May 16

Wilton, CT – Netta Hadari, one of the region's most talented violinists, appears at Wilton Library's *Champagne & Caprices* fund-raiser on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. In a rare treat for classical music lovers, Hadari performs his favorite twelve of the 24 *Caprices for Solo Violin, Opus 1*, by Niccolò Paganini. Tickets to the performance include cocktails, light supper, and a champagne and chocolate dessert reception. A music-themed silent auction takes place during the evening. The Wilton Bank is lead sponsor for the evening with all proceeds benefiting the library.

Netta Hadari was born in London to Israeli parents and began violin studies at the age of five with Paul de Kayser and Vanya Milanova in London. He moved to Cape Town, South Africa where he continued his studies with Jurgen Schwietering. There, he performed in numerous concerto and chamber music performances, including playing with the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra and being a founding member of the Schwietering Quartet. His Bachelors' degree was earned at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he studied with Emanuel Borok.

Netta was concertmaster of the Meadows Symphony and Irving Symphony orchestras in Texas and was very active in contemporary music, performing both the classic twentieth century compositions and premiering many new works. He has attended the New York String Seminar and the Norfolk Contemporary and Chamber Music Festivals. He has had solo engagements with the Orquestra Clasica do Porto in Portugal and the Kwazulu-Natal Philharmonic in South Africa as well as the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra. He completed his Masters' degree and his Artist Diploma at the Yale School of Music with Syoko Aki. He is very active in all areas of music in the Northeast, including playing Klezmer music with the band, Generation Klez, rock

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music with the Secret Ink, and is co-founder of the Live Music Project. He gives private violin lessons in his studio in Fairfield, and is an adjunct professor of music at Fairfield University.

Tickets to the event may now be purchased online – a first for Wilton Library. The tickets are \$50 for general seating and \$75 for preferred seating. Concertgoers may visit www.wiltonlibrary.org and click on the “Champagne and Caprices” heading on the homepage. They will be directed to the information where they can buy tickets, print out an RSVP form, or donate to the library in the event they are unable to attend the performance. A “Listen to Netta Hadari” link also is available to get a sneak preview of what is to come at the Saturday performance. Tickets also may be purchased by calling the library at (203) 762-3950 ext. 216. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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Caption: Violinist Netta Hadari gives Kathy Leeds, Wilton Library, sponsor Nicki Brown, The Wilton Bank, and Anne Rowlands, Wilton Library (seated), a taste of what is to come at the library’s Champagne and Caprices fund-raiser on Saturday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available by visiting www.wiltonlibrary.org or calling (203) 762-3950. The concert will be held in the library’s Brubeck Room at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in Wilton.