

## One World to Another

Russian born identical twins Julia and Irina Elkina began playing the piano at age five and were performing at major concert halls in their native St. Petersburg by the age of seven. Graduates of the famed St. Petersburg Conservatory, the Elkinas won the top prize at the *Fourth Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition* right after their arrival in the U.S. in 1993.

The Elkina sisters have performed throughout the United States, sharing the stage with such respected conductors as Bobby McFerrin and Hugh Wolff. They are frequent guests on NPR's *Prairie Home Companion* and *St. Paul Sunday*.

*One World to Another* features works by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky, Liszt and Gershwin.

*"Friend of RRISA" ticket holders are invited to meet the Elkinas at a gala dessert reception following the concert.*

*"We immigrated to the USA 12 years ago. During that trying and difficult time, we needed a lot of help, encouragement and support. We will always appreciate and remember all of the people and organizations that helped us on our way to becoming independent, happy and successful. This concert is our way to give back."*

— JULIA ELKINA

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*Featuring Renowned Pianists*  
**Julia & Irina Elkina**

T U E S D A Y , A P R I L 2 6 T H  
7 : 3 0 P . M .

Conant Performing Arts Center  
Oglethorpe University  
4484 Peachtree Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30319

*Proceeds to benefit RRISA*



Imagine fleeing your home country because of war, social unrest or persecution, and arriving at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport without possessions, money or a job.

Refugees from almost every continent, many of whom have spent years in refugee camps, come to the U.S. and Atlanta under these bleak circumstances each year.

Though traumatized, these families are survivors. Within six months, 98 percent have become self-sufficient. Many purchase their own homes within a few years, and some even start their own businesses.

But their transition to a new culture is extraordinarily difficult. While finding employment, learning English, accessing transportation and enrolling their children in school, they often must deal with medical issues complicated by trauma from torture or war.

Your purchase of a *One World to Another* ticket will help ease their journey to life in a new world.

"I have learned from my experience that I have to 'work as a refugee' to survive—a refugee has to be strong both physically and psychologically. Yes, even if you happen to cry, you let the tears flow into your heart. You carry the pride and sorrow inside yourself, and just keep smiling. The earth keeps turning and the sun shines for everybody. At the end of the day, you just sigh and sing, hoping that sometime, somewhere, someone will stare and care."

— BURUNDI REFUGEE



Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA) heals and rebuilds the lives of displaced and uprooted people as they

become self-sufficient members of the Atlanta community.

For more than 30 years, RRISA has helped refugees make the transition from one culture to another by offering assistance in:

- Fulfilling immediate needs for shelter, food, clothes, medical care and transportation
- Finding and/or upgrading employment
- Interpretation and translation services, as well as referral to English language classes
- Citizenship classes and immigration services
- Courses in parenting, home and financial management, and driver's education
- Emergency referrals
- School enrollment

RRISA welcomes approximately 350 new refugees annually and provides continued support to an additional 900. RRISA works in partnership with more than 30 community agencies, churches and other religious organizations.

To learn how you can volunteer at RRISA, contact Sally Steele, Sponsorship Developer, at 404-622-2235, ext. 226. Or visit [www.RRISA.org](http://www.RRISA.org).



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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ticket donation levels – please indicate requested ticket count:**

- RRISA Patron - \$2,500 (25 Friend of RRISA tickets)**. Full page B&W program ad, a mention of gratitude, priority seating and invitations for each guest to the dessert reception following the concert.
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- Friend of RRISA - \$100 per ticket**. A mention of gratitude in the program, priority seating and an invitation to the dessert reception following the concert

- RRISA Donor - \$50 per ticket**. A mention of gratitude in the program and priority seating
- General admission - \$30 per ticket**
- Sorry, I can't attend the concert, but my donation is enclosed.**

Please make all checks payable to RRISA and send to:

RRISA  
ATTN: Brooke Dixon  
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Or call 404-622-2235 Ext. 232 or visit [www.RRISA.org](http://www.RRISA.org) to make payment by American Express, Master Card, and Visa.

The deadline for program listings is April 8. Artwork for ads will be accepted electronically only. Call Brooke Dixon at 404-622-2235, ext. 232, for specs.

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