Piazzolla Centennial
Saturday, November 20, 2021 • 7:30pm
#ArtistConvo @7pm • St. John Flynn, Host
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Featuring Hector Del Curto, bandoneon and composer
Welcome to Piazzolla Centennial!

What makes a truly great teacher, one that inspires students so fully that it changes the course of their lives? Tonight we explore this compelling question as we celebrate a hundred years of Argentinian tango master Astor Piazzolla, the eightieth birthday of renowned composer Adolphus Hailstork, and the arresting genius (and fiftieth birthday) of bandoneonist and composer Hector Del Curto.

The intergenerational thread stitching these artists together is famed Parisian pedagogue Nadia Boulanger. She was a visionary who imparted on her students not only the fundamentals of composition but more meaningfully, cultivated the individual gifts buried deep within their souls.

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In recognition of teachers and budding artists of all stripes, we will be donating a portion of tonight’s proceeds to Houston’s Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) as they mark their fiftieth anniversary.

Please consider a tax deductible donation gift to Apollo in support of our With Open Arms concert season, multicultural commissioning, and outreach efforts in the community. Your passion for our mission inspires us, and we are thankful for your generosity.

Thank you for joining us. Please allow yourself to be transported into the realms of musical innovation!

Matthew J. Detrick
Founder, Artistic & Executive Director, Violinist
PIAZZOLLA CENTENNIAL
---PROGRAM---

*Tango Ballet* (1956)
Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)
Version for String Quartet
I. Titulos - II. La calle - III. Encuentro - Olvido -
IV. Cabaret - V. Soledad - VI. La calle

**Oblivion**
Astor Piazzolla / Arr. Jisoo Ok

**Gallo Ciego**
Agustin Bardi / Arr. Victor Lavallen & Jisoo Ok

Video Presentation: Interview with composer Adolphus Hailstork

*Deep River: Rhapsody for String Quartet* (2021)*
Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
WORLD PREMIERE

*Trace of Time* (2021)*
Héctor Del Curto (b. 1971)
WORLD PREMIERE

*Commissioned by Apollo Chamber Players

**APOLLO CHAMBER PLAYERS**
Matthew J. Detrick & Anabel Ramirez Detrick, violins
Whitney Bullock, viola • Matthew Dudzik, cello
with Héctor Del Curto, bandoneon

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