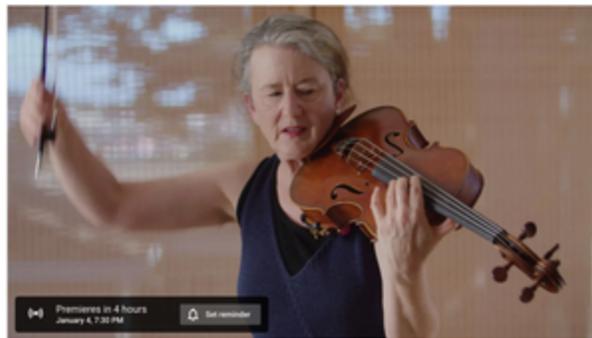**Bold New Music, Passionate Performance**

Earplay First Mondays Tonight

Tonight's free online event will feature an encore performance of **Shulamit Ran's** *Perfect Storm* for viola, performed by Earplay's **Ellen Ruth Rose**. Please join us here tonight (Monday, January 4, 2021) at 7:30pm PST (or click image below). We recommend the use of higher quality audio headphones, rather than your computer speaker audio, and we look forward to having you join us!

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"Perfect Storm" (Shulamit Ran)

"When violist Melia Watras approached me about composing a solo viola piece for her, she presented an idea that added an intriguing extra dimension to this commissioning project. Her hope was to have me create a work that, in some way, alluded to, or made use of, an existing work of my choice from the viola repertoire, enabling both works to be performed side by side. As I began reviewing, in my head, an imaginary strip of 'famous viola licks' (harder to do than with violin or cello...), along with some favorite 19th century music I found myself returning time and again to the central motif, played by viola, from the first song of Luciano Berio's Folk Songs for singer and instruments. This gesture was playing in my mind also through another "filter" – an instrumental ensemble work composed in 1985 by my friend, the Israeli composer Betty Olivero, who was a student and protégé of Berio's and who made recurring use of that particular fragment in her composition Presenze. My memory of her rendition, though quite faint now, seems to have helped etch that little 'viola moment' into my mind."

Performed by: Ellen Ruth Rose (pictured above).

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