

ADVENTURES AROUND THE WORLD

Maria Rusu, violin
Higo Rodrigues, piano

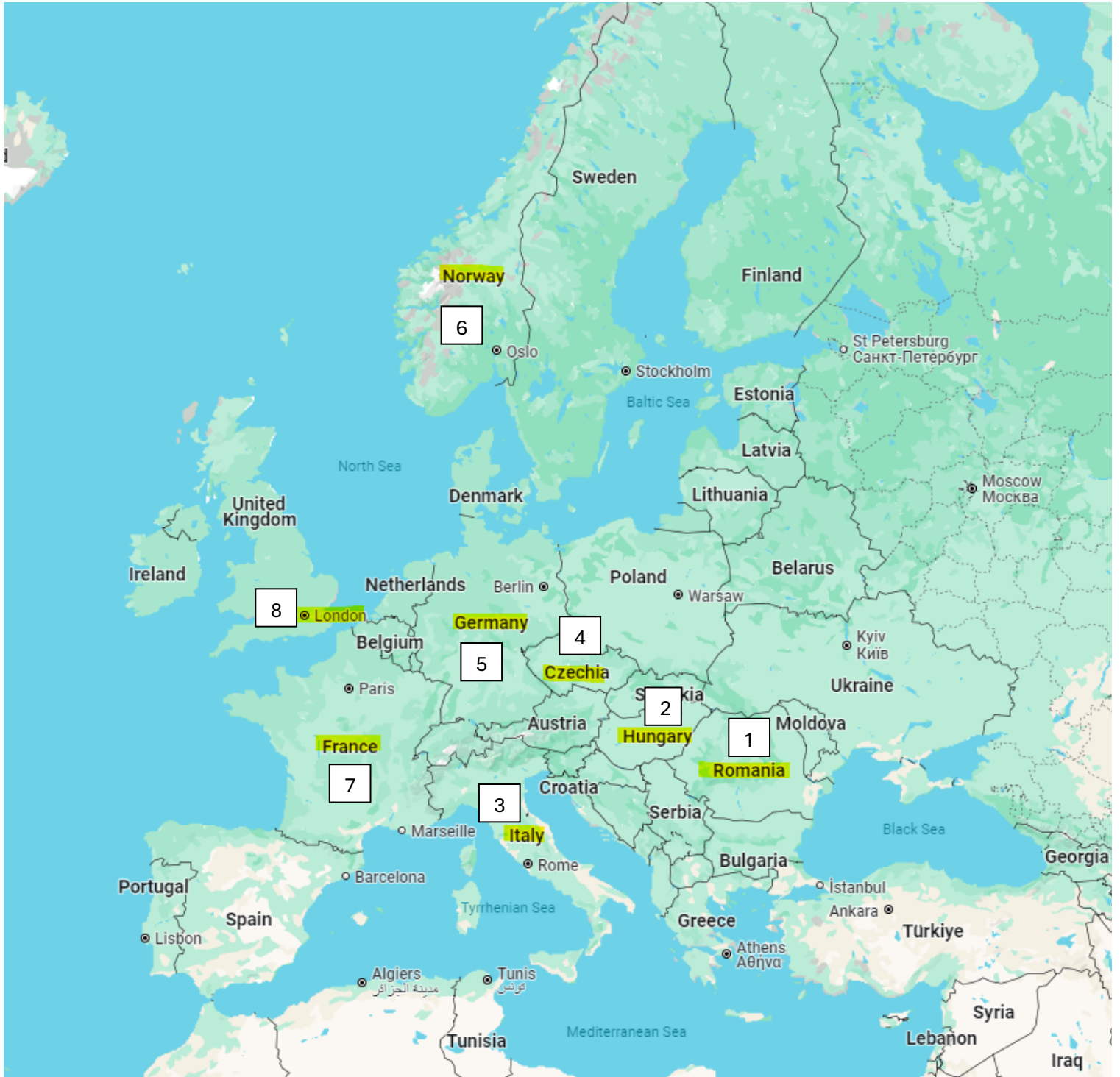
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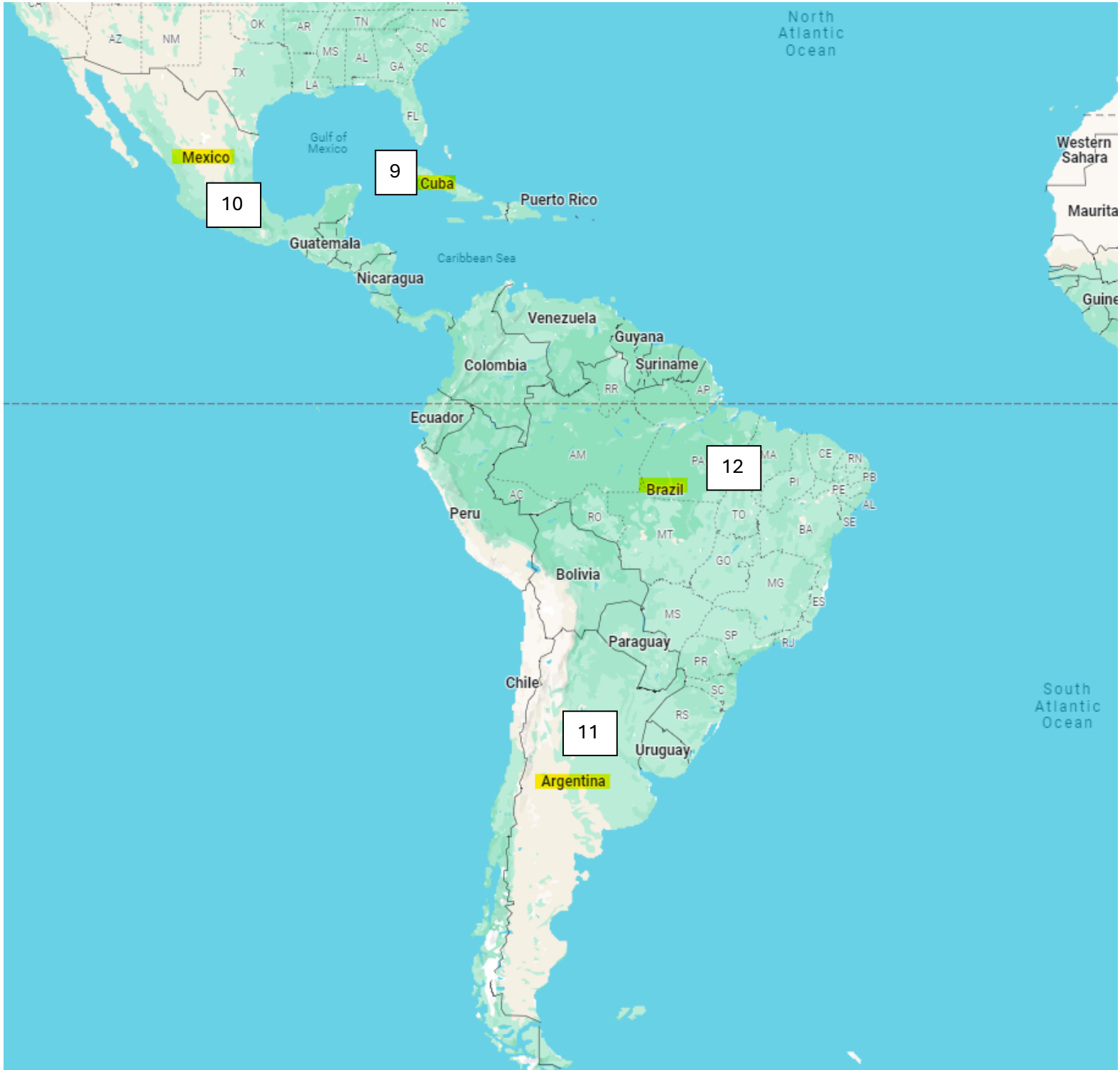
Evangelical Presbyterian Church
308 Possum Park Road, Newark DE 19711

Program

Romania	Romeo Cozma	Balkano Dance Nostalgia
Hungary	Béla Bartók	Romanian Folk Dances 1. Joc cu Bătă 2. Brâul 3. Pe Loc 4. Buciumeana
Italy	Enrico Toselli	Serenata, Op. 6
Czech Republic	Bohuslav Martinů	Intermezzo, I. (H. 261)
Germany	Max Reger	Romanze
Norway	Edvard Grieg	Lyric Pieces, Book 1, Op. 12 1. Arietta 2. Waltz 4. Fairy-dance 5. Popular Melody 8. National Song
France	Gabriel Fauré	Berceuse, Op. 16
England	Frank Bridge	Cradle Song
Cuba	Don Alvarez and Marion Sunshine Eliseo Grenet	Cuban Lullaby Mama Ines
Mexico	Consuelo Velázquez	Bésame Mucho
Argentina	Astor Piazzolla (arr. José Bragato)	Oblivion
Brazil	Jayme Ovalle Antônio Carlos Jobim Ary Barroso	Modinha, Op. 5 Chega de Saudade Aquarela do Brasil

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Biography

Maria Rusu

A native of Romania, born in Brasov, Maria Rusu comes from a family of musicians. She began her musical studies at the age of six learning the violin with her mother, Teodora Rusu and later on switched to viola. Maria attended a music school for twelve years in Brasov, Romania before coming to the U.S. to continue her musical studies. She currently serves as Senior Student Services Manager and Faculty at The Music School of Delaware (Wilmington, DE) leading the student services department. She also teaches violin, viola, jazz violin, jazz voice lessons, and works with the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra. Maria plays often in the tri state area (Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania) on both violin and viola, most recently with Vox Ama Deus Ensemble in Pennsylvania, with whom she performed in the viola section at the Perelman Theatre in the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia in January of this year.

In January of 2017 Mrs. Rusu took over the leadership of Philadelphia Viola Society, creating a new website, organizing events in person and online, and connecting many violists in the community with several local and international guest artists.

Mrs. Rusu graduated from University of Delaware with a Masters of Music in Viola Performance studying with Sheila Browne and Dr. Esme Allen-Creighton. She also received a Bachelors of Music in Viola Performance from Bowling Green State University in Ohio where she studied with Professor Matthew Daline-McBride.

As a jazz singer, Maria had the opportunity to sing and to record in venues in Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. With a jazz quartet made of musicians from the National Music Festival in 2015, Mrs. Rusu was invited to the radio station in Chestertown MD for an interview where she sang some jazz standards and premiered her jazz tune titled "What if..." (written in 2014). She returned for another interview in June of 2017 where she performed a few more jazz tunes with Brazilian guitarist Camilo Carrara. For more information about Maria and her performances, visit www.mariarusu.com

Higo Rodrigues

Higo Rodrigues is an active musician in the Newark area. He is the Music Director at Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE, where he leads two choirs and plays the piano and the organ for their regular services. He is also the accompanist for Mount Sophia Academy's Senior Chorale.

Higo has played with the Newark Symphony Orchestra, CoroAllegro (Wilmington, DE), Wilmington Children's Chorus, for several undergrad and graduate students from the University of Delaware, as well as a soloist and accompanist in concerts alongside his wife, soprano Irailda Rodrigues. He holds a Ph.D. in Music Theory from the University of Kentucky, where he taught music theory and aural theory classes as a Teaching Assistant. More details about Higo can be found at www.epcnewark.org/higo-rodrigues