



**The Hon. Eliska Zigova** Consul General of the Czech Republic in NY  
and **Elysium: Between Two Continents**

**PRESENT**

**Cornet: Ullmann's Legacy from Terezin**



Dan Franklin Smith, Elysium's Music Director (left) and Gregorij H. von Leitis, the Founder and Artistic Director of Elysium: Between Two Continents

The collaboration between the reader Gregorij von Leitis and pianist Dan Franklin Smith was remarkably close, the former with polished articulation and always appropriate expression, the latter as authoritative, technically superior and carefully-shaping master of the keys.....

*Coburger Tageblatt* - June 29, 2009

**Introductory Lecture**  
Michael Lahr

**The Lay of Love and Death  
of Cornet Christoph Rilke**  
Recitation: Gregorij H. von Leitis  
Piano: Dan Franklin Smith

**Piano Sonata No. 6  
by Viktor Ullmann**  
Dan Franklin Smith

**Tuesday, March 23 at 7.00 pm**  
**The Bohemian National Hall**  
**321 East 73rd Street**  
**New York, NY**

"Gregorij von Leitis is able to imbue even the most bitter words with dignity and even beauty. In perfect adaptation to this, pianist Dan Franklin Smith develops musical gems."

*Münchner Merkur*, Munich

"...a small sensation..."

*Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Munich