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The Elaris Duo, comprising the husband and wife team of cellist Steven Elisha and violinist Larisa Elisha, will present a recital Sunday, Oct. 16 at Georgia Southern University's Carol A. Carter Recital Hall. The concert is free of charge and is the pair's local recital debut.

The Elishas, who joined Georgia Southern's music department in August, bring an international reputation and a love of sharing their music to Georgia. The recital follows their debut performance last month with the Georgia Southern Symphony. According to Richard Mercier, Ph.D., chair of the music department, "string students from near and far have chosen to enroll at Georgia Southern for the opportunity to study with the Elishas: Larisa teaches violin and viola and Steven teaches cello and bass."

The Elishas' musical instruction extends beyond the classroom and engages young community members in string study. Steven is working with the Averitt Center to bring his award winning Mr. Cello story program to the Statesboro Community and introduce school-age children to music and string instruments.

"Steven constructs a story around a word provided by one of the children," said Mercier. "Mr. Cello provides musical accompaniment to the story."

Sunday's concert begins at 3 p.m. and is the first opportunity for members of the community and music enthusiasts to experience the Elaris Duo during a full recital.