

# ESSENCE

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## HOT TICKETS!

YOUR GUIDE TO THIS MONTH'S  
GREAT PERFORMANCES AND  
MUST-SEE EXHIBITIONS



Daniel Bernard  
Roumain heats  
up the stage.

### CLASSIC SOUL

Fans of Haitian-American violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain can witness his incredible talent live in his new orchestral epic, **Darwin's Meditation for the People of Lincoln**. The production, derived from Roumain's discovery that Lincoln and Darwin were both born on February 12, 1809, features an imagined conversation between the pair, who shared an aversion to enslavement. Laced with Roumain's sounds of Haiti invoking the country's own struggle for liberty and punctuated by words recited by actor Daniel Beaty, the work is a sonic vision of freedom. Don't miss this riveting performance on February 12, 2009, at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Connecticut. For details, visit [Dbrmusic.com](http://Dbrmusic.com).

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