



SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

PIANO STUDIO SHOWCASE RECITAL *

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

FREDERICK LOEWE PERFORMANCE HALL

PROGRAM

Slavonic Dance in C major, Op. 46, No. 1

Antonin Dvorak
1841-1904

The Counterpoint Four

Noah Larabee Emma Lindeman
Mena Williams Hayleigh Yeoh

Wanderer Fantasy in C major, D 760

I/IV: Allegro con fuoco ma non troppo

Alton Kwo

Franz Schubert
1797-1828

Sonata No. 2

Michael Staff
b. 1983

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Scherzo, Op. 6, No. 3

Charles Griffes
1884-1920

Emma Lindeman

Danzas Argentinas, Op. 2

I: Danza del viejo boyero

II: Danza de la moza donosa

Alberto Ginastera
1916-1983

Joseph Candelaria

Sonata for Piano Four Hands
I: Prelude

Francis Poulenc
1899-1963

Mayhem 88
Mena Williams
Hayleigh Yeoh

Four Movements for Two Pianos (2008)
IV: Moderato

Philip Glass
b. 1937

The Twins
Alton Kwo
Emma Lindeman

Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 116
I: Allegro Moderato

Edvard Grieg
1843-1907

Kelsie Harris Valenzuela, solo
Sophie Tait, second piano

Carmen Fantasy for Two Pianos
Based on themes by Georges Bizet

Greg Anderson
b. 1981

Chips and Salsa
Joseph Candelaria
Hanako Duffie

**MEET THE YOUNG ARTISTS
FROM THE STUDIO OF PROFESSOR LONG**

CANDELARIA, JOSEPH

- *First year Graduate Student majoring in Piano Performance Major, Age 21*
- *Hometown:* Lytle Creek, CA
- *Musical Highlights:* Awarded UR Graduate Assistantship in Piano (Fall 2022). Holds Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Redlands (Spring 2022), graduating with highest honors, *summa cum laud.* Recipient of Redlands Town and Gown award (Spring 2021). Winner of the UR President's Honor Recital (Spring 2020). One of two pianists chosen to perform *Carnival of the Animals* for the University of Redlands orKIDstra (Fall 2020). Performed in the masterclasses of Anne Marie McDermott, and Sergio De Simone of England's Trinity Laban Conservatory. Recipient of the Dean's scholarship for most outstanding freshman music major (Fall 2018).
- *Personal Interest Note:* I am passionate about honoring my Native American heritage through music.

DUFFIE, HANAKO

- *Senior Piano Performance Major, Age 21*
- *Hometown: Claremont, CA*
- *Musical Highlights:* Recipient of the Patricia Ruiz Memorial Music Scholarship (2019), Mary E. Lehigh Endowed Piano Scholarship (2019-present), and the Rowena Bishop Endowed Piano Scholarship (2019-present). Soloist with the University Symphony Orchestra performing Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals* (2020). Collaborative pianist for the VCM's Summer Residency and Tour (2022). Performed in masterclasses with Anne Marie McDermott, Andrew Park, and Dmitry Rachmanov. Additional collaborative work with conductors Dr. Jenny Wong, Dr. Jace Saplan, and Christopher Gabbitas.
- *Personal Interest Note:* I studied abroad in Salzburg, Austria this past May!

KWO, ALTON (SOCK)

- *Sophomore Piano Performance Major, Age 20*
- *Hometown: San Jose, CA*
- *Musical Highlights:* Recipient of multiple scholarships, including the UR Lehigh four-year Endowed Piano Scholarship. Studio Recitals of Anna Rozovsky (2011-1019). MTAC Certificate of Merit Level 10 (2016).
- *Personal Interest Note:* I enjoy traveling, petting big dogs, playing video games such as *League of Legends* and *Sky: Children of the Light*.

LARABEE, NOAH

- *Freshman Piano Performance Major, Age 19*
- *Hometown: Ontario, CA*
- *Musical Highlights:* Classical improviser, cello player and aspiring composer.
- *Personal Interest Note:* I often read poetry in my spare time, appreciate classical art, and love being out in nature.

LINDEMAN, EMMA

- *Sophomore Piano Performance Major, Age 19*
- *Hometown: Redlands, CA*
- *Musical Highlights:* Honorable Mention at the Inland Empire Piano Festival (Spring 2022). Active as Worship Team Pianist for Redlands Packinghouse Christian Fellowship.
- *Personal Interest Note:* I am passionate about classic literature.....and also trying to keep my favorite houseplants alive.

STAFF, MICHAEL

- *Senior Double Major in Music Composition and Piano Performance Major, Age 39.*
- *Hometown: Palm Spring, CA*
- *Musical Highlights:* Recipient of the 2021-22 National Presser Award and Scholarship. Other awards include the Global Music Award in Composition, Gold medal in the Manhattan International Music Competition, and Gold Medalist in McCallum Theater's open call. Recording artist for *Call for Scores* under the RMN Music Record Label.
- *Personal Interest Note:* I have too many! World traveler, avid reader, chess player, author of two books (published under pseudonym), obsessed with philosophy and mathematics. I love cooking and am an active trail runner. I'm also holder of a third-degree purple belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

VALENZUELA, KELSIE HARRIS

- *Second year Graduate Student majoring in Piano Performance, Age 25*
- *Hometown:* Redlands, CA
- *Musical Highlights:* Awarded UR Graduate Assistantship in Piano (2021-23); Teaching Assistant to Professor Long. Holds Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance from the University of Redlands (Spring 2020), graduating with special honors, *magna cum laud.* Chosen twice to perform in the UR President's Honor Recital. Participant in the Liszt International competition, and prize-winner in the IE Rotary Competition. Special Studies in the works of Bach/Busoni, culminating in solo Recital (Spring 2022).
- *Personal Interest Note:* I'm passionate about people and finding creative ways to aid in the development of young pianists. I also love animals....and tacos.

WILLIAMS, MENA

- *Sophomore Music Composition and Creative Writing Major, Age 19*
- *Hometown:* Miami, Florida
- *Musical Highlights:* Awarded Honorable Mention in 2019 and 2021 at the National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest. Superior Rating in Piano Performance at NFMCC from 2013-2019. Participant in solo cello composition workshop hosted by the Boulanger Initiative in 2020. Received a \$1500 scholarship from BVF Inc. for continuing education in music (2022).
- *Personal Interest Note:* I am the 3rd child of seven.

YEOH, HAYLEIGH

- *Freshman Piano Performance Major, Age 17*
- *Hometown:* Beaumont, CA
- *Musical Highlights:* Recipient of the Mary E. Lehigh four-year Endowed Piano Scholarship (Fall 2022). MTAC Branch and State Honors for the past 12 years. First class honors for 8 years in the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) examinations. Recipient of the RCM National Gold Medal Award (2015). Participant in the Southern California Junior Bach Complete Works Festival (2018). Honorable Mention in the Inland Empire Piano Festival (2018). Honorable Mention in both the MTAC Composers Today and MTAC Improvisation categories. Second Prize in the LLASO Concerto Competition.
- *Personal Interest Note:* I like to write fiction and do video editing. I also enjoy reading, especially if it's related to history

GUEST ARTIST

Sophie Tait (University of Redlands BM '14; MM '16).

Assisting with the program is pianist Sophie Tait, who will be performing the orchestral reduction for Kelsie Harris Valenzuela in Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor. Ms. Tait, a prominent collaborative artist in the Inland Empire, is pianist for the Inland Master Chorale and works with instrumentalists, singers, and choral ensembles throughout Southern California. Ms. Tait has served the University of Redlands as Staff Pianist and member of the Piano Faculty, and for three years was Visiting Lecturer teaching Accompanying and acting as Accompanying Coordinator for the School of Music. In 2016, as Grand Prize Winner of the University of Redlands Concerto Competition, Ms. Tait was soloist with the Redlands Symphony Orchestra performing Beethoven's Emperor Concerto under the baton of Maestro Jon Robertson. Ms. Tait is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda and Sigma Alpha Iota.

***All performers today are from the Studio of Professor Louanne Long.**