

# YOUNG MUSICIANS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
Music Theater at the Musical Instrument Museum

Sonata No.7 in D Major, Op.10, No.3 <i>I. Presto</i>	Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Étude de Concert No. 2 in F Minor, S. 144 "La leggierezza"	Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
Katheryn Chan, <i>piano</i>	
Hungarian Rhapsody, Op.68	
Justin Kang, <i>cello</i> Daniel Kang, <i>piano</i>	
David Popper (1843-1913)	
Legend No. 2, S. 175 "St. Francois de Paule marchant sur le flots"	
Franz Liszt	
Patrick Carter, <i>piano</i>	
Nocturne in E-flat Major, op <i>No. 1: Barcarolle</i>	Mikhail Glinka (1804-1857)
Audrey Zhang, <i>harp</i>	
Concerto in E minor, Op.85 <i>IV. IV. Allegro</i>	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Charlie Pabst, <i>cello</i> Barbara Willey, <i>accompanist</i>	
■ <i>Intermission</i> ■	
Ballade Op,23, No.1 in G minor	Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
Jackson Li, <i>piano</i>	
Concerto in E minor, Op.64 <i>I. Allegro molto appassionato</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Sawa Yamaguchi, <i>violin</i> Wan-Ting Yu, <i>accompanist</i>	
Sonata in F Major, Hob.XVI:23, L38 <i>IV. Allegro</i>	Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Étude de Concert No. 2 in F Minor, S. 144 "La leggierezza"	Franz Liszt
Asuka Firdaus, <i>piano</i>	
Prelude #1	Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)
Roland Dyens (1955-2016)	
<i>Fuoco</i>	
Daren Crusenberry, <i>guitar</i>	

**Katheryn (Katie) Chan, 12,** is a 7th grader at Arizona College Prep Middle School. She has been studying piano for 8 years under Ms. Hong Zhu. She has won multiple competitions in the past years, including first prize in Arizona Young Artist Competition, first prize in Arizona Musicfest Piano Competition, first prize in United States International Music Competition, and first prize in Piano Concerto Competition by Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras. Besides piano, she also enjoys reading, speech and debate, and tennis.

**Justin Kang, 13,** studies cello with Jamie Kellogg and piano with Snezana Krstic. Justin has been a cellist of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestras for 3 years and served as an associate principal cellist of PYSO's top orchestra as well as the 2022 YOLA National Festival in LA. Justin has won countless accolades in both piano and cello competitions. Justin was a junior division winner of the 63rd PYSO's Concerto Competition (2023, cello) and earned first prize at Charleston International Piano Competition (2022), American Music Talent International Competition (2022), Arizona Young Artist Piano Competition (2023), Arizona Musicfest Piano Competition (2022), Opus Music State Piano Competition (2022), MTNA State Piano Competition (2021) and Arizona Cello Society's Solo Competition (2021). Other awards include Steinway/Avanti Piano Competition (2023), Arizona Musicfest String competition (2023), ASTA String Solo competition (2022 & 2021), Opus Music State String competition (2022), and MTNA State piano competition (2020). In his spare time, he enjoys composing/arranging music and playing chess.

**Patrick Carter, 16,** is a Sophomore in high school and is the sixth of eleven children. Music is an ever present part of his family life with eight of his siblings trained in classical piano, voice and other instruments. His interests include baseball, the outdoors, serving at the altar of St. Edward Catholic Church, and spending time with his family. In the spring of 2021, Patrick moved from Charlotte, North Carolina, and has, since then, loved the beautiful Arizona sights. In 2022 and 2023, He made the finals in the Steinway/Avanti Piano Competition, and placed 2nd in 2022. He has also earned two silver medals in the EVMTA Piano Competition. Patrick enjoys the Romantic time period most, and some of his favorite composers include Sergei Rachmaninoff, Frederic Chopin, and Franz Liszt. Patrick is a piano student of Natalya Thran.

**Audrey Zhang, 16,** is currently a high school junior attending Hamilton High school. She is a harpist and initially fell in love with the instrument when she was in the third grade. Since then, she has continued her musical journey for eight consecutive years. Audrey has been a student of her private teacher, Ms. Alla for all eight years. She has played with the Southwest Youth Orchestra in her sophomore year of high school and has been playing with her school's orchestra since 2020. Additionally, Audrey enjoys competing in various music competitions and in her free time likes to go shopping. The piece Audrey is playing was written for both piano and harp in the early 19th century by the Russian composer, Mikhail Glinka.

**Charlie Pabst, 16,** began his musical journey at age three because his mother played the cello and he loved the sound of that particular instrument. Consequently, he began to learn cello. He progressed fairly quickly and was playing concertos by age 12. In addition to solo rep, Charlie liked orchestral works and joined the Metropolitan Youth Symphony (MYS) when he was 9. By age eleven, he had become the principal cellist. In high school, Charlie began to study with Wesley Skinner and transferred to the Phoenix Youth Symphony. In both 2022 and 2023, he was a finalist in the PYSO Young Musicians competition where he won scholarships to Madeline Island Chamber Music, A Program of MacPhail (2022) and Brevard Music Festival (2023). There he loved the immersive experience and being surrounded by like-minded musicians. While not playing cello, he enjoys volleyball, chess, and learning to drive.

**Jackson Li, 14,** was born in Hong Kong and moved to the US at age 6. He has played piano for over 7 years and is a student currently studying under Dr. Baruch Meir. Jackson enjoys many hobbies such as reading, writing and most importantly - piano. He is currently a ninth grader at Desert Vista High School who is trying his utmost to manage his time between school, practicing and other important things in his life.

**Sawa Yamaguchi, 13,** was born in Japan and moved to Arizona in 2016, when she was 6. She started violin at age four, and has been studying with Jing Zeng for two years. She won Second Prize in Division I of the 2023 Arizona Musicfest Strings Competition. She was also an award recipient in local competitions including Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Junior Competition, and American String Teachers Association (ASTA) Junior Competition. She also won first place in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Junior Competition in 2022. Over the past four years, Sawa has been concertmaster and assistant concertmaster in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. She enjoys playing violin with her younger sister, tennis and pickleball with her friends.

**Asuka Firdaus, 18**, has won first place at the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition and second place at the MTNA Arizona State Piano Solo Competition, Arizona Young Artist, Arizona Musicfest Strings and ASMTA James R. Anthony Piano Honor Recital Competitions. Asuka currently studies piano with Snezana Krstic. She has performed in master classes with Elizabeth and Eugene Pridonoff, Nelita True, Yuri Kot, Pavlina Dokovska and Alan Chow. She was showcased at MusicaNova Orchestra's Young Artists Series Concert in 2016 and performed at the concert hall of the Musical Instrument Museum in 2021. She has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in the summer of 2023. Asuka became a substitute piano teacher at her school, BASIS Scottsdale, after the school's piano teacher retired. She helps teach the High school Advanced Keyboarding class. She is also involved with her school's Tri-M Music Honor Society, which organizes school music events.

**Daren Crusenberry, 16** is a sophomore at Basis Oro Valley, and has been playing guitar for about 8 and a half years, which sounds like a lot, but to him it doesn't feel like it's been that long. Throughout those years, I went through phases of enjoying guitar and then resenting guitar to a point where I quit playing during COVID. Gladly I picked it back up, within the past year I've had the opportunity to play in an ensemble group and a guitar orchestra. Now, I really enjoy playing. Besides just guitar, I play volleyball and am doing my best to get better in all aspects. I've also been involved in the chess community within my school for years, now I'm acting as an assistant coach to teach lower grade kids playing chess.



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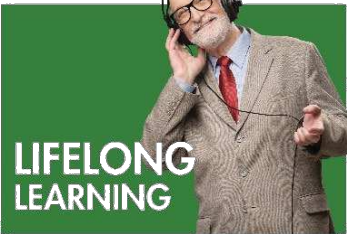
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