

# YOUNG MUSICIANS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm  
Desert Foothills Lutheran Church

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## Concerto for Flute & Piano

*I. Allegro con fermezza*

Felix Shen, flute  
Gail Novak, piano

## Italian Concerto BWV 971

*I. Allegro*

## Étude Op.10, No.2, in A minor

## Play Piano Play No.6, *Presto Possibile*

Justin Kang, piano

## Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op.85

*I. Adagio-Moderato*

Abraham Kim, cello  
Aejin Ham, piano

## Flute Concerto No. 1 in G Major, K.313

*I. Allegro maestoso*

Elizabeth Ovelil, flute  
Gail Novak, piano

■ *Intermission* ■

## Duo for Violin and Viola in G Major, K.423

*I. Allegro*

The Ma Duo  
Louisa Ma, violin & Caroline Ma, viola

## Passacaille

Audrey Zhang, harp

## Caprice No.16 in G Minor

## Caprice No.24 in A Minor

Joshua Lee, violin

## String Quartet No. 12 in F Major, Opus 96

*II. Lento*

## String Quartet Op.76, No.4 in B-flat Major

*I. Allegro con Spirito*

Saradyst Quartet  
Steven Zhang & Sadie Christie, violins  
Rachel Lunt, viola; Dylan Blocker, cello

## Aram Khachaturian

(1903-1978)

## Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

## Frédéric Chopin

(1810-1849)

## Friedrich Gulda

(1930-2000)

## Edward Elgar

(1857-1934)

## Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756-1791)

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## George Frideric Handel

(1685-1759)

## Niccolò Paganini

(1782-1840)

## Antonín Dvořák

(1841-1904)

## Franz Joseph Haydn

(1732-1809)

**Felix Shen**, 17, is a junior at the Center for Research, Engineering, Science, and Technology of the Paradise Valley High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. He has been playing flute since the age of five and won several awards, including a First Place Winner in the American Protégé International Woodwinds and Brass Competition's Young Musicians Category in 2015, First Place Winner of the Phoenix Youth Symphony's Young Musicians Competition Junior Woodwinds Category in 2018 and 2019, First Prize in Division I of the **Arizona Musicfest** Winds and Brass Competition in 2019, and a First Place Winner in the Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition in 2020. He is currently assistant principal flute of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra. He enjoys playing flight simulator videogames and badminton in his free time.

**Justin Kang**, 12, began piano at the age of 7 and studies with Snezana Krstic and Dr. Jessica Yam. Justin also studies cello with Jamie Kellogg and served as the principal cellist of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Philharmonic Orchestra in 2022. Justin earned first prize at the 2022 American Music Talent International Competition, the 2021 MTNA Arizona State Piano Competition, the 2022 **Arizona Musicfest** Piano competition, the 2021 ASMTA's James R. Anthony Honors Recital, and the 2021 Arizona Cello Society's Solo Competition. Justin's other awards include the 2021 API's North America Solo Piano Competition, the 2020 MTNA State Piano Competition, the 2021 Arizona Young Artist Piano Competition, and the 2021 American String Teachers Association's State Solo competition. Justin has had masterclasses for piano with renowned artists including Sean Chen, Elisabeth Pridonoff, Pavlina Dokovska, Yuri Kot, Hong Zhu, Eckart Sellheim and Dian Baker. In his spare time, Justin enjoys composing music and playing chess.

**Abraham Kim**, 15, is a cellist and pianist and is a member of SOUNDS Academy. He started studying the cello when he was 11 years old through SOUNDS Academy and the piano with his mother. At SOUNDS Academy Abraham has studied cello with Jamie Kellogg since 2019 and piano with Aejin Ham since 2020. As a soloist, Abraham has earned several awards and recognitions including 2nd prize at The OPUS National Competition (Arizona Strings), 3rd prize at The Mozart Competition in Korea, Global Dream Music Competition in Korea, and Honorable Mention in the Junior and Senior Divisions at the Arizona Cello Society Competition. He won 2nd place in the 2022 **Arizona Musicfest** Young Musicians Competitions. He is currently a member of Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra. He participated in the 2022 AZMEA All-State Festival as a freshman. He also has participated in the YOLA National Festival in Los Angeles for three years since 2020.

**Elizabeth Ovelil**, 15, is a rising sophomore at the Desert Vista High School. She was born in Arizona, and has lived in Malaysia and Vietnam during her elementary school years. Her hobbies include music, travel and reading. At Desert Vista, she is part of the Speech & Debate team, and the school band. Elizabeth and her team recently won the Wharton Global High School Investment competition, placing 1st out of over 900 teams from 33 countries. She started her musical journey at age 6, starting with the piano. She expanded her interest to the flute 5 years later. She started learning under Brian Gordon's instruction in 2019. She is currently a principal flutist at the Philharmonic Ensemble in Phoenix Youth Symphony. Elizabeth won the Woodwind Junior Division in the 61st Annual Young Musician Competition in 2021. She is also the winner of the Arizona Flute Society Annual Competition in the Senior Division, and earned First Prize in the 2022 **Arizona Musicfest** Winds & Brass competition (Div II)

**Louisa Ma**, 17, is a senior at BASIS Chandler and studies violin with Ms. Susanne Rothaar. Louisa won 1st place in the 2020 American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition as well as 1st place in their Concerto Competition. As a result, she will be making her Carnegie Hall solo debut later this year. In 2019 she was a winner in the Arizona Music Educators Association State Violin Competition, an honor that only two violinists in the state received that year. Louisa has also won awards from solo competitions sponsored by the Phoenix Youth Symphony and **Arizona Musicfest**. Louisa was a member of the Arizona High School All-State Orchestra and was concertmaster of her All-Region Orchestra. In the summers she has attended the prestigious Cincinnati Conservatory Starling Project as well as the Bowdoin International Music Festival and the Tanglewood Institute. Earlier this year Louisa was awarded 2nd Runner-Up in the 2022 Distinguished Young Woman of Arizona. Louisa is also an accomplished singer. She and her twin sister Caroline competed in the 2017 America's Got Talent auditions, singing a duo to the track "Like I'm Gonna Lose You."

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**Caroline Ma**, 17, is a senior at BASIS Chandler and studies viola with Ms. Susanne Rothaar. Caroline won 1st Place in the 2020 American Protégé International Concerto Competition and 2nd Place in their Piano and Strings Competition. As a result, she will be making her Carnegie Hall solo debut later this year. Caroline has been a top prizewinner numerous times in the State Viola Competition of Arizona as well as the Arizona Music Educators Association Viola State Competition. Most recently she won 3rd Place in the **Arizona Musicfest** Young Musicians Competition. Caroline was a member of the Arizona High School All-State Orchestra. In the summers she has attended the Tanglewood Institute. Earlier this year she was awarded 1st Runner-Up in the 2022 Distinguished Young Woman of Arizona. Caroline is also an accomplished singer. She and her twin sister Louisa competed in the 2017 America's Got Talent auditions, singing a duo to the track "Like I'm Gonna Lose You."

**Audrey Zhang**, 15, is a sophomore at Hamilton High School in Chandler. She is a student of Alla Yashneva, with whom she's studied for her entire seven years of lessons. Audrey first chose the harp because of its beautiful sound and how "cool" she thought it looked as an eight-year-old. She finds her private lessons to be the best experience, and competed in the **Arizona Musicfest** Strings, Harp, and Guitar competition for the first time in 2022.

**Joshua Lee**, 12, began playing the violin under the guidance of his mom, Jooyeon Han, at the age of 7. He is currently a member of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) and the concertmaster of his school orchestra (BASIS Ahwatukee, AZ). He won multiple awards in recent music competitions (junior division) including the String Competition of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) (1st place in AZ, 1st place in Southwest Division, and 2nd place in National competition; 2021-22), the OPUS Music Competition (1st place in AZ and 1st place in National competition; 2022), and the US New Star Strings Competition (Grand Prize and 1st place; 2021). Other notable awards include 1st place awards (junior division) in the following competitions: the 2022 **Arizona Musicfest** Strings, Harp & Guitar Competition (Div I) the International Grande Music Competition (2022), the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition (with Distinction Award; 2022), the 62nd Annual Young Musicians Concerto Competition by PYSO (2022), the American Protégé Concerto Competition (2021), and the Solo Competition of the American String Teachers Association (Arizona chapter; 2020). Joshua also excels academically as he has been an all-time distinguished honor roll student at BASIS Ahwatukee.

**Saradyst Quartet** was formed as part of the Honors String Quartet Program of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in Mesa, Arizona. Composed of members of the Division 1 Orchestra, the quartet is made up of 9th and 10th graders from BASIS Scottsdale and Mesa, Red Mountain High School and Mesa High School. Enthusiastic and dedicated, the group formed an immediate bond and throughout the 2021-22 season, Saradyst has grown in their understanding of ensemble playing and the nuances of chamber music. They have volunteered to perform at a local nursing home throughout the school year and plan to continue to play together during the summer of 2022.



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