

Hannah Park-Kaufmann's Third Year Recital

# Scriabin and Piazzolla

Featuring:

Alexander Levinson (cello)

Neilson Chen (piano)

Yuchen Zhao (violin)



April 12, 2023 | 2:00 PM

Bito Conservatory, CPS

# Program:

## *A. Scriabin - Piano Concerto op. 20 in F sharp minor*

*I. Allegro*

*II. Andante (Variations)*

*III. Allegro Moderato*

*with Neilson Chen*

## *A. Piazzolla - Fuga y Misterio*

*with Yuchen Zhao and Alexander Levinson*

**Hannah Park-Kaufmann**, originally from Austria and South Korea, is now completing her third year of studies at Bard. She is studying piano under Professor Blair McMillen at the Conservatory, and is a mathematics major at the College.

Hannah's most memorable recital performance was in remembrance of her grandmother's funeral, which was also the first recital she ever played. Her debut with orchestra was with the Pärnu City Orchestra in the Pärnu Concert Hall in Estonia. From 2019-2020, Hannah helped organize concerts for local musicians in Seoul, South Korea, mostly online during the cultural crisis during Covid, and did concert live-streaming for International Performing Arts Center (IPAC). Academically, Hannah is exploring the connection between physiological patterns in piano playing and the quality of a pianist's experience. She has pursued various components of this research as her Bard College Sproj, and at leading biomechanics/neuroscience research laboratories at Harvard University and MIT.

**Dr. Neilson Chen**, a native of Taiwan, is a highly sought-after recitalist and collaborative pianist, whose dazzling technique and thoughtful interpretations have been described by the L.A. Times as "stunning." Currently, Dr. Chen is serving as a second year collaborative piano fellow at Bard College Conservatory of Music and collaborative piano artist in residence at Meadowmount School of Music.

A doctoral graduate of Arizona State University, Dr. Chen also holds two master's degrees from Taipei University of the Arts and University of Texas at Austin. Over the course of his career, Neilson has been the recipient of many prestigious honors and awards. As a winner of inaugural duo competition at Music Academy of the West, Neilson gave a recital at Hahn Hall in Santa Barbara in 2019.

As an active recitalist, chamber music musician and collaborative pianist, Neilson has performed extensively throughout the United States and internationally, having given performances in Canada, Germany, Luxemburg, France, Ireland, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

**Alexander Levinson**, 23, is an all out music lover. Currently at Bard College, NY, Alexander has been immersing his cello playing into many genres of music including classical, the Broadway Musical, improvisatory Klezmer and Jazz / Blues style, modern, and Traditional Chinese. He is expected to graduate in May of 2023 with two degrees from Bard College, New York, where he is currently a 5th year working towards a B.A, studying cello performance with Peter Wiley, and a B.S, studying computer science.

Growing up in Chicago to a musical family, Alexander has been playing chamber music with his parents and brother and has given many concerts in the Chicago area. In the spring of 2017, Alexander was a part of a quartet that had a great season, winning 2nd place in the 22nd annual Rembrandt high school chamber music competition, and 3rd place in the Barnett Chamber Music Competition. Currently at Bard, he has had the pleasure of having the principle chair of the cello section for a few of the Bard College Conservatory Orchestra concerts.

**Yuchen Zhao** is a first year graduate violin student at the Bard Conservatory of Music. He got his bachelor's degree from the Zhejiang Conservatory of Music in China.

He won multiple competitions during the past several years, such as the Alba Music Competition, Royal Music Competition and New Talent Music Competition.

As an orchestral violinist, he served as the concertmaster of the Orchestra Academy at Zhejiang Conservatory of Music during the year 2020 to 2022, as well as concertmaster of the Bard Conservatory Orchestra with Maestro Tan Dun at the Fisher Center at Bard College.

