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March Student Showcase

March 12, 2021

7:30 pm EST

Bagatelle in C Major, Op. 33 no. 5

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Bagatelle #2: Seventy

Anthony Kelley (b. 1965)

Bagatelle Op. 5 no. 3

Alexander Tcherepnin (1899-1977)

Andre Hall, pianist

Opus 118

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Intermezzo in C

Intermezzo in A

Ballade in G Minor

Bryan Tong, pianist

Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 77 (1878)

Brahms

I. Allegro non troppo

Jenny Li, violinist

Winner of the 2015-2016 DSO Student Concerto Competition

About the Musicians

Andre Hall began his piano studies at the age of eight, and in sixth grade, he began studying under the direction of Ms. Marlene Urbay. In 2014 and 2015, he won first place and special distinction in the yearly Miami-Dade County Youth Fair Piano Competition. For three consecutive years, between 2016 and 2018, he was selected to participate in the Chopin Young Pianists Concert, and was offered a position in their student scholarship program upon graduation from high school. He has presented several public concerts as a soloist and has also performed in conjunction with the Florida Chamber Orchestra. He is currently a sophomore at Duke pursuing a minor in Music, where he studies piano with Professor David Heid.



Bryan Tong is a junior at Duke University studying Computer Science and Music with a minor in Statistics. At Duke, he is involved with numerous musical programs, such as various chamber ensembles and private piano lessons with Professor Pei-Fen Liu, and was fortunate to win the Duke Concerto Competition in 2018. He previously studied piano with Professor Boris Berman, the head of the piano department at Yale School of Music, and cello with Mr. Jonathan Spitz, the principal cellist of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Bryan is a Licentiate of The Royal Schools of Music in Piano Performance after passing the LRSM examination with distinction, has received top awards in competitions such as the II Debut International Piano Competition and VI Chopin International Piano Competition in Hartford, Connecticut, and has participated in international summer festivals such as the isaMasterclass in Reichenau an der Rax, Austria, and the Virtuoso & BelCanto Festival in Lucca, Italy. Outside of music, Bryan enjoys playing and watching basketball, volleyball, poker, and chess.



Jenny (Jingwei) Li graduated in 2016 from Duke, where she studied Global Health, Sociology, and Ethics. Her passion for music performance led her to also study violin with Professor Eric Pritchard for all four years of her undergraduate experience. In her senior year, she served as a Concertmaster of the Duke Symphony Orchestra (DSO), as well as the President of the Orchestra Committee. The 2015-2016 season was the second time Jenny won the DSO Concerto Competition. She also won it her freshman year, performing the Sibelius Violin Concerto with the DSO in 2013. She graduated with Distinction in Music Outside the Major and also received The Julia Wilkinson Prize for Excellence in Music, presented to a graduating senior for achievement in musical performance.

In addition to music, Jenny is extremely passionate about global health, social justice, and education. She held numerous leadership responsibilities in health-focused student organizations at Duke, including Know Your Status, Duke Global Medical Brigades, and Arts & Health.

In the final Duke Symphony Orchestra program of her senior year, Jenny wrote: “I have had the joy and privilege of being part of the DSO for the past eight semesters. When I first arrived at Duke as a serious premed student, I never thought I would grow to love music so deeply and centrally. I owe a huge part of my growth as a musician to my experience in the DSO. I’ve been profoundly touched by the passion, dedication, and support of Professor Davidson and my fellow musicians during my time in the orchestra. I can’t adequately describe how much I have been impacted as a DSO member, from the rigorous weekly rehearsals to the grand performance of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony to the annual concerts benefitting the Keyserling Cancer Center of Beaufort Memorial Hospital. I am forever thankful to have been able to share in the wonderful gifts of music and friendship in the DSO, and I will always remember my time in the DSO with fondness and appreciation.”

After graduating from Duke, Jenny studied violin performance for two years and engaged in a variety of freelance work, including invited performances for the National Healthcare Symposium and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She was a member of the National Orchestral Institute Philharmonic and received a Grammy nomination in the category of Best Orchestral Performance for a Naxos-label album “Ruggles, Stucky & Harbison: Orchestral Works” (released in June 2018). More recently, Jenny served as a medical scribe for several surgical specialties and joined a cancer research lab focusing on the oncogenic pathways of HPV.