



**Lang Lang International Music Foundation  
Young Scholars**

and

**Midwest Young Artists Conservatory  
Symphony Orchestra**

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park**

# Midwest Young Artists Conservatory Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Allan Dennis, Director

## Flute

Cecilia Gao  
Meredith Goldin  
Sara Mouscher  
Ksenia Polyarskaya  
Jonathan Wu

## Oboe

Chloe Cardaras  
Annika McDermott-Hinman  
Timothy Zhang

## Clarinet

Alex Abreu  
Joseph Hands  
Samuel Perlman  
Hannah Swanson

## Bassoons

Fionna Ek  
Ayan Mallik  
Nick Nocita  
Robert Scherer  
Esther Whang

## Horn

Christopher Martin  
Camille Morhun  
Lena Welch

## Trumpet

Hannah Nussbaum  
Emily Rebstock

## Trombone

Reid Harman  
Cade Kelly  
Lily Sefchick

## Percussion

Finley Lau  
Tyler Savitz  
Ethan Siau

## Violin

Ezra Burca  
Francesca Castro  
Ariel Chah  
Daria Chudnovsky  
Liam Diethrich  
Gabriella Dudek  
Ivan Franco  
Miriam Firedman  
Kimberly Han  
Masha Lakisova  
Kirsten Lee  
Rebecca Moy  
Andria Radaios  
Hannah Stein  
Adeline Sun  
Isabel Tannenbaum

## Viola

Hannah Aitken  
Baxter Brown  
Daniel Choi  
Natalie Clarke  
Peter Dudek  
Marissa Katz  
Ariella Kharasch

## Viola cont.

Sofiya Kyrlyuk  
Michelle Manson  
Rachel Riese  
Patricia Urbaniak

## Cello

David Caplan  
Anastasia Dalianis  
Eva Darow  
Evan Finder  
Haddon Kay  
Francis Kim  
Adam Lee  
Meghan Mullins  
Kyle Pearl  
Lauren Rose Randolph  
Callanen Ry Swaty  
Matthew Udry  
Tiffany Yen

## Double Bass

JJ Butler  
Sean Curran  
Leo Finan  
Eric Herbert  
Elizabeth Nuteson  
Charis Pao

## Program

*The Lang Lang Foundation collaborates with MYAC for its annual Summer Music Summit. Each August since 2012, Young Scholars and MYAC students work together in a weeklong celebration of collaborative music, culminating in the Millennium Park concert. Scholars and students are assigned a piano concerto and receive daily coaching from MYAC Maestro Dr. Allan Dennis. The Scholars stay with MYAC families, building friendships and laying the groundwork for a network of musicians that will last a lifetime.*

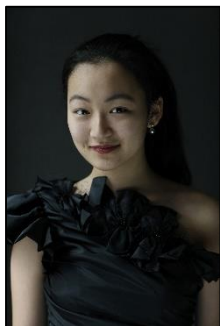
- Light Cavalry Overture (8') Franz von Suppe (1819-1895)
- Piano Concerto No. 9, K. 271 Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)  
I. Allegro (11') **Varvara Kutuzova**
- Piano Concerto No. 1, Op. 15 (8.5') Ludwig Beethoven (1770-1827)  
**Peter Leung**
- Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 37 Ludwig Beethoven (1770-1827)  
III. Rondo – Allegro (9') **Jenny Kong**
- Piano Concerto No. 1, Op. 25 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
I. Molto allegro con fuoco (8') **Elizabeth Zietz**
- Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 21 Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)  
II. Larghetto (9') **Chelsea Guo**
- Piano Concerto No. 1, S. 124 Franz Liszt (1811-1886)  
I. Allegro maestoso (6') **Amir Siraj**
- Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)  
I. Moderato (11') **Eden Chen**
- Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 16 Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)  
III. Allegro moderato molto e marcato (10') **Raymond Feng**
- Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 26 Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)  
I. Andante. Allegro (9') **Kimberly Han**
- Roman Carnival Overture (8') Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

# About the Lang Lang Young Scholars



**Eden Chen**, 17, is a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist and Scholar, and has been featured on NPR's "From the Top" radio show. He is currently studying with Rufus Choi, and has been mentored by such musicians as Hung-Kuan Chen, Jerome Lowenthal, Jean-Yves Thibaudet and John Perry. He recently received the McGaughey Platinum Prize in the Glendale Piano Competition, and was awarded the David Weiss Scholarship of the Young Musicians Foundation. Eden attends Diamond Bar High School, a National Grammy Signature School, where he works with the Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. His recent performances include two benefit concerts in Zhongshan, China.

**Raymond Feng**, 14, was featured as a piano soloist with the Rochester Philharmonic on NPR's "From the Top" at Eastman Kodak Hall. He has been winning competitions since age 9, including the Thousand Islands Chopin International, AADGT's Passion of Music Festival, Duquesne National Young Artist, and MTNA Eastern Division Junior Piano Competitions. He is the pianist for the Capriccio Piano Trio and Concertmaster of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. Enthusiastic about sharing music with his community, Raymond regularly organizes outreach and fundraising concerts. Raymond's love of music extends to chamber music and violin and he regularly competes in national math competitions.



**Ziyao "Chelsea" Guo**, 15, is a piano student of Prof. Hung-Kuan Chen and Tema Blackstone, with a second major in classical voice at Juilliard's Pre-College Division. She was a prize winner at the 13<sup>th</sup> Ettlingen International Competition for Young Pianists in Germany, received "Junior Eppan Prize" in Eppan Junior Academy in Italy, and is the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Nordamann Scholarship at Juilliard Pre-College. As a classical vocalist, Chelsea won first prize in American Protégé 2015 Voice Competition. She was featured on WQXR's "Young Artists Showcase" at age 9 and NPR's "From the Top" at age 13. As a winner of the 2016 Piano Texas Young Artists Concerto Competition, she recently performed with Fort Worth Symphony.

**Kimberly Han**, 15, is a sophomore at Lake Forest High School, north of Chicago. She started piano lessons at age 5, studying with Brenda Huang, and takes master classes with Alexander Korsantia at the New England Conservatory. Kimberly also plays violin with the MYAC Symphony Orchestra and a chamber ensemble called Trio Fiammata, and in her high school orchestra. She is a frequent award-winner, including the Walgreens National Concerto Competition (2013-15), the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition (2015), and the Chopin Youth Piano Competition (2013, 2016). She is an active participant in MYAC's Young Music Scholars program, teaching violin to kids from under-served local schools.



**Jenny Kong**, 13, is a student at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, majoring in piano and studying under Dr. Cheng Wai. In 2014, Jenny was selected to perform in Radio Television Hong Kong's "Yes! I Can Recital" program. In 2015, she won the Composer of the Year category in the 67th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, and won the Trinity College London ATCL Recital Group in

the Asian Young Music Competition. In 2016, Jenny performed a solo concert in the Purple Crown International Piano Music Festival at the China Conservatory of Music in Beijing, and won the Young Artist Award in the piano competition at the Semper Music International Festival in Italy.

**Varvara Kutuzova**, 13, won a guest appearance with the Young Scholars at a competition in Moscow. She studies at the Central Music School of the Moscow State P.I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory, studying with Mira Marchenko. She has won many international competitions, including the International Competition for Young Pianists Astana Piano Passion (Kazakhstan, 2013), International Internet Music Competition (Serbia, 2014), International Television Contest for Young Musicians Nutcracker (Moscow, 2015), and Grand Piano Competition (Moscow, 2016). In 2015, Varvara was chosen to be face of the International Cultural Project of the Russian Ministry of Culture.

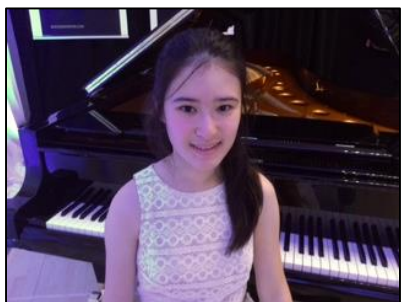
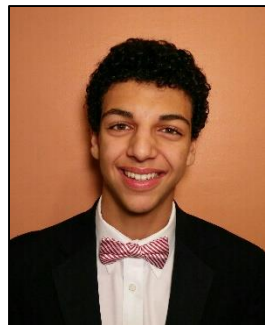




**Peter Leung**, 10, began studying piano at age 4 with Shui-Ching Wong and Dr. Karl Lo. At age 8, Peter held a grade-8 piano certificate from the Royal Schools of Music, and at age 9 was accepted as a student at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He is also pursuing performance diplomas from Trinity College in London. Peter has participated in regional piano competitions where he

received several awards, including several first and second prizes at the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival in 2015-16; first prize, Chopin Piano Sonatas, HK Asia-Pacific Youth Piano Competition in 2015; and first prize for piano solo in the HK Golden Bauhinia International Youth Piano Competition in 2014.

**Amir Siraj**, 16, is from Boston. Hailed by TheaterJones as a “gentle, yet passionate” interpreter, he has been a three-time prizewinner at the Steinway Society of Massachusetts Piano Competition, a laureate of the Chopin International Competition, a first prize winner at the New England Piano Teachers Association Ruth Davidson Competition, two-time first prize winner at the MTNA’s Massachusetts division, and five-time first prize winner at the MTNA’s Bay State Contest. In 2015, Amir was selected as one of twenty-four young pianists to participate in the Cliburn International Junior Competition and Festival. In 2016, he was selected as a National YoungArts Foundation Winner.



**Elizabeth Zietz**, 15, is from California and studies with Ning An. Her previous teachers were Claudia Xi, Valentina Gottlieb, Chun-Yi Wang, and Ethan Dong. She made her concerto debut with the Orange County Symphony at age thirteen. Elizabeth has won the Grand Prize at the Glendale Piano Competition, as well as top prizes in the Lansum International Music Festival,

Los Angeles International Liszt Competition, CAPMT Young Musicians Concerto Competition, and MTAC Southern Region State Competition in both concerto and solo divisions. She is the founder of California Young Musicians, a network of classical musicians who perform to share their love of classical music and to benefit their communities.

# About Midwest Young Artists Conservatory

The history of Midwest Young Artists Conservatory (MYAC) is a story of a compelling mission, dedication and hard work. We were founded in 1993, with fifty-five students at the first rehearsal. A number of the older, more advanced students played in the Senior Orchestra and mentored students in the Junior Orchestra, thereby establishing a tradition of cultivating leadership that continues as one of our core principles today.

Today, MYAC is a full-curriculum, pre-college music school and one of the nation's premier ensemble programs. Our graduates are accepted into the most selective conservatories, universities and colleges in the country.

Today, over 900 students from more than 74 towns all over Chicagoland, from 2nd graders to high school seniors, participate in MYAC's:

- 6 weekly orchestras
- 4 chamber orchestras
- 60+ chamber music ensembles
- 5 choral ensembles
- 4 jazz big bands
- 7 jazz combos
- Music theory and composition classes
- Performance and master classes

We also offer early childhood music and movement classes.

Our rehearsal facility is the former Old Stockade Building at Fort Sheridan, built in 1890 and beautifully renovated for MYAC in 1994.

At MYAC, we believe it's more than just the music. We make a difference in the lives of our students, their families and their communities by encouraging camaraderie, respect and hard work, as well as dedication to the pursuit of excellence. MYAC is a home for our students, where they grow as musicians and leaders, in a supportive, educationally nurturing, and socially responsible environment.

# About the Lang Lang International Music Foundation

For over 15 years, Lang Lang has dedicated his time to furthering music education. Since the founding of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in 2008, he has taken his commitment to music education to the next level by developing sustainable, impactful, and unique charitable activities, as well as establishing partnerships with dedicated organizations like MYAC. The Foundation's mission is to educate, inspire and motivate the next generation of music lovers and performers. We encourage music performance at all levels as a means of social development for youth, building self-confidence and a drive for excellence. We strive to ignite a passion for music in youth so that they can be leaders in bridging cultural gaps and helping to unite local and global communities.

## ***Upcoming 2016-2017 MYAC Events***

### **Youth Orchestra Concerts**

Sunday, October 16

1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Pick Staiger Concert Hall, Evanston, IL

### **Early and New Music Concert**

Sunday, November 20

4:00 p.m.

Bennett Gordon Hall, Highland Park, IL

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