



STUDENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FALL CONCERT

11 *pizz.* *mf*

17 *poco rit. a tempo poco rit. a tempo* *2 2 2 2* *pizz.*

26 *ff* *1. arco* *2. arco*


33 *pizz.* *mf* *1* *1* *arco* *cresc.*

43 *ff* *to Coda* *8* *pizz.* *mf*

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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A Letter from the Director

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What connects music from 1841 Italy, 1892 Russia, 1911 England, and 2004 Japan? In the case of tonight's performance, the connection is humanity's shared fascination with legends, fairy tales - stories we tell in order to better understand what it means to be human. Each piece on tonight's program was inspired by a different story: Nabucco, Othello, Howl's Moving Castle, and The Nutcracker, respectively. Each composer has faced severe adversity in their lives, whether it be racism, homophobia, or the loss of loved ones. It is my belief that these composers were drawn to their respective stories by their unique experiences and circumstances - that they found something in these tales and legends which resonated with them and, in turn, inspired them to write music which now resonates with us.

These pieces are both deeply rooted in each composer's unique identity and simultaneously transcendent of the context of their creation, speaking to a level of shared humanity uninhibited by the time and space which separates them. In presenting this program, we hope to provide a musical experience that is both diverse and cohesive, to illuminate the connection that exists between people of disparate origin, and to offer insight into the human experience as it is uniquely illustrated by these incredible composers.

-Roberto Gemignani





Program

Music Director: Roberto Gemignani

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Nabucco Overture (1841)

Giuseppe Verdi

Othello Suite (1911)

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

I. Dance

II. Children's Intermezzo

III. Funeral March

IV. The Willow Song

V. Military March

Symphonic Variation

Joe Hisaishi

"Merry-Go-Round" (2004)

Nutcracker Suite Pas de Deux (1892)

Pyotr Tchaikovsky



Performers

Violin 1

Emily Hsu [^] - Business Administration,
Violin Performance

Aaron Ogawa - History

Alex Ma - Human Biology

Aya Sato - Biochemistry

Claire Wu - Material Science

Daniel Young - Composition

Danielle Jones - English (Creative Writing)

David Anderson - Music Industry

Deborah Sohn - Biochemistry

Elizabeth Sofya Lemberg - Mechanical
Engineering

Ellie Ochiai - Psychology

George Danzelaud - Computer Science &
Business Administration

Gerson Estrada - Biomedical Engineering

Jade Almodovar - Psychology

Jessica Kao - Music Industry

Joseph Lee - Health Promotion &
Disease Prevention

Justin Kim - Communication Management

Kyle Ke - Neuroscience

Kyooeun Jang - Communication

Michael Gribbon - Journalism,
Specialized Journalism

Nan Bao - Digital Social Media

Neelie Lim - Business Administration

Nicholas Wong - Neuroscience

Olivia Hau - Journalism

Steven Fu - Biology

Sullivan Barthel - Journalism

Tori Cassidy - Earth Sciences

Xander Lee - Biological Sciences

Seva Raman - Political Science

Shilong Ren - Analytics

Violin 2

Marcus Au [^] - Computer Science, Applied Math

Aaron Tom - Economics and Data Science

Abigail Shih - Biopharmaceutical Sciences

Aden Black - Popular Music
Performance (Voice)

Akasha Singh - Mechanical Engineering

Alyssa Ponrartana - Psychology

Amy Chen - Neuroscience

Arielle Rizal - Music Industry

Chris Raymundo - Game Development &
Interactive Media

Daniel Gottschalk - Applied &
Computational Mathematics

Daniel Lin - Biological Sciences

Doris Chen - Music Industry

Erika Li - Quantitative Biology

James Kuo - Biology

Jasmine Ho - Architecture

Jina Min - Music Industry

Jonathan Chao - Intelligence and Cyber
Operations

Kevin Lee - Electrical Engineering

Lilly Tung - Architecture

Maya Tauber - Cognitive Science

Meghna Kiran - Mechanical Engineering,
Astronautical Engineering

[^] = principal/section leader | * = guest musician

Listed alphabetically by first name

Performers

Violin 2 (cont)

Michael Lemos - Cognitive Science
Siyuan Wu - Fine Arts
Stella Gonzales - Bachelor of Architecture
Tara Goller - Environmental Engineering
Tricia Saputera - Human Biology
Zhiyu Lin - Architecture
Zoe Rodriguez - Transportation Engineering

Cello

John Brow ^ - Psychology, Legal Studies
Abigail Ingle - Astronautical Engineering
Bona Lee - Economics
Chloe Tjangnaka - Applied & Computational Mathematics
Daniel Kwak - Electrical & Computer Engineering
Grace Wang - Neuroscience
Helen Ku - Human Biology
Hunter Wong - International Relations (Global Business)
Hyun Yoon - Piano Performance
Jenny Huang - Physics, Computer Science
Joshua Chung - Neuroscience
Lara Li - Economics
Luke Lee - Cognitive Science, Computer Science
Nathan Lin - Biochemistry
Serafina Smith - Communications, Applied & Computational Mathematics
Vaughn Hays - Computer Science

Viola

Nicolas Valencia ^ - Viola Performance
Ally Kim - Computer Science & Business Administration
Andrew Kim - Economics, Data Science
Connor Morgan - Biochemistry
Dominic De La Torre - Biomedical Engineering
Frances Hsu - Architecture & Inventive Technologies
Julia Leong - Cognitive Science
Khaymin Westbrook - Writing for Screen & Television
Min Kim - Environmental Studies
Noah Hauptmann - Computer Science
Olivia Ross - International Relations

Double Bass

Ethan Moffitt ^* - Double Bass Performance

Piccolo

Celine Chen ^ - Music Performance, Cognitive Science
Cici He ^ - Public Relations

Flute

Cici He ^ - Public Relations
Maggie Sun ^ - Communication Management
Zikang Chen ^ - Analytics
Ella Li - Business Administration
Iris Bao - Applied Mathematics, Business
Jennifer Hong - Biomedical Engineering
Jennifer Quito Alvarez - Architecture
Maisey Thach - Biopharmaceutical Sciences
Sophia Naziizeni - Architecture
Sunny Lee - Neuroscience

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Performers

Oboe

Makenna Harding-Davis - Music Composition
Richard Zhang - Quantitative Biology

Clarinet

Avery Huang ^ - Business Administration
Kevin Dai ^ - Neuroscience
Hannah Fonseca - Electrical &
Computer Engineering
Sara Mendoza - Neuroscience, Art History
Yuliang Cai - Computer Science

Bass Clarinet

Zack Thomas ^ - Biomedical Engineering
Christian Wheeler ^ - Astronautical Systems
Engineering

Alto Saxophone

Dominic Borelli ^ - Environmental Studies

Horn

Scott Beck ^ - Aerospace Engineering
Kyndred Lewis ^ - International Relations
(Global Economics)
Aaron Yang - Mechanical Engineering
Hannah Fausnaught - Civil Engineering
Stefan Popescu - Civil Engineering
Stefano Corno - Mathematics,
Computer Science

Harp

Carter Williams ^ - Harp Performance

Trumpet

Jan Harren ^ - Finance
Mingqi Xu ^ - Electronic Engineering
Anju Murphy - Interactive Entertainment
Liam Hall - Mechanical Engineering
Nicholas Lototsky - Aerospace Engineering
Samuel Tung - Architecture
Yucheng Liu - Spatial Data Science

Trombone

Kiersten Formoso ^ - Earth Sciences
Rahul Naveen ^ - Neuroscience
Chiyuan Qu - Electrical Engineering
Douglas Lee - Economics, Data Science

Tuba

William Nakamura ^* - Tuba Performance

Percussion

Bo Wang - Arts Leadership
Caoyi Zou - Electrical Engineering
Darius Mahjoob - Computer Science &
Business Administration
Mithrandir Wang - Composition
Mo Zhang - Cybersecurity Engineering
Qin Yue - Data Science & AMCM
Selina Hui - Computational Neuroscience

Piano

Dora Meiwes ^ - Piano Performance
Doris Chen ^ - Music Industry

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