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78th Annual Youth Festival

In memory of Joy Miller Kiszely

2021 Winners' Recital

TRI-COUNTY CONCERTS ASSOCIATION
78TH ANNUAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

2021 YOUTH FESTIVAL AUDITION WINNERS

SENIOR ENSEMBLE

First Place *The BH Duo*
Bowen Ying, violin; Hannah Gao, violin
Second Place..... *Fröhlich Duo*
Andrew Chan, piano; Alex Chen, violin

JUNIOR ENSEMBLE

First Place *JK Duo*
Jason Chen, cello; Kevin Li, cello

SENIOR PIANO

First Place Alyssa Gabrilovich
Second Place..... Nathan Jiang

JUNIOR PIANO

First Place William Ge
Second Place..... Vincent Zhu

SENIOR STRINGS

First Place Tie..... Aidan Bolding, cello
First Place Tie..... Janice Li, violin

JUNIOR STRINGS

First Place Matthew Chung, cello

SENIOR VOICE

First Place Kimberly Alexandra Adam, soprano
Second Place..... Rachel Gopalani, soprano

SENIOR WINDS

First Place Clara Zhu, flute
Second Place..... Ian Lee, trumpet

JUNIOR WINDS

First Place Raymond Yang, alto saxophone

2021 Youth Festival Co-Directors: Wendy Schmid and Eleanor James

PROGRAM

Passacaglia Georg Frideric Handel-Johan Halvorsen

The BH Duo

Bowen Ying, violin; **Hannah Gao**, violin

Meichen Barnes, coach

Ballade in A-flat Major, Op. 47, No. 3 Frédéric Chopin

William Ge, piano

Natalie Zhu, teacher

Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 107:

Mvt. I, Allegretto Dmitri Shostakovich

Aidan Bolding, cello

Gloria DePasquale, teacher

Seth Trumbore, accompanist

Ophelia's Song: English Art Song Maude Valerie White

Già il sole dal Gange Alessandro Scarlatti

Rachel Gopalani, soprano

Lisa Willson DeNolfo, teacher

Trumpet Concerto in F minor, Op. 18: Mvt. I, Allegro moderato Oskar Böhme

Ian Lee, trumpet

Alexander Serio, teacher

Anna Kislitsyna, accompanist

Concerto for two cellos, RV 531: Mvt. I, Allegro Antonio Vivaldi

JK Duo

Jason Chen, cello; **Kevin Li**, cello

Jennifer Jie Jin, coach

Chanson et Passepied Jeanine Rueff

Raymond Yang, alto saxophone

Matthew Barlow, teacher

David Hughes, accompanist

Golliwogg's Cakewalk Claude Debussy

Vincent Zhu, piano

Christina Emata, teacher

PROGRAM (*continued*)

Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 104, No. 9:

Mvt. I, Allegro maestoso..... Charles-Auguste de Bériot

Lauren Wu, violin
Leah Kim-Tomilson, teacher
Gareth Haynes, accompanist

Hungarian RhapsodyDavid Popper

Matthew Chung, cello
Hsiao Ming Chen, teacher
Nozomi Takashima, accompanist

Grand Duo in A major, D. 574: Mvt. I, Allegro moderato..... Franz Schubert

Fröhlich Duo
Andrew Chan, piano; **Alex Chen**, violin
Junnan Jin, coach

Five Bagatelles Carl Vine

Nathan Jiang, piano
Igor Resnianski, teacher

Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 31, No. 4: Mvt. 1, Andante Henri Vieuxtemps

Janice Li, violin
Hirono Oka, teacher
Hsiao-Han Yang, accompanist

Es lebt eine Vilja (from Die Lustige Witwe)..... Franz Lehár

Deh veni non tardar (from Le Nozze di Figaro) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kimberly Alexandra Adam, soprano
Leah Kim-Tomilson, teacher

Carmen Fantasie Brillante..... François Borne

Clara Zhu, flute
Ilya Ovrutsky, teacher
Yuko Gordon, accompanist

Dumka, Op.59..... Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Alyssa Gabrilovich, piano
Igor Resnianski, teacher

THE ARTISTS

Kimberly Alexandra Adam (Kimmi), soprano, age 16, was born in the Philippines. She is a freshman at the Villa Maria Academy High School in Malvern and studies voice at The Juilliard School in its Pre-College program, where she is privileged to be under the tutelage of Lorraine Nubar, Jorge Parodi, Cynthia Sanners, and Sooyeon Kim. She has always dreamed of becoming an opera singer and an actress on Broadway. She has been singing since she was 10 and training classically since she was 12. She is a member of the Philippine Opera Company's Young Artists Series and the youngest member of OperaJuan. Kimmi won the George London award for Juilliard Pre-College students in 2019-2020 and the Grand Prix in the Music-Fest 2020-2021 Rising Talents Festival and placed second in The Music of America's 2021 Vocal Competition of the Great Composers Competition Series. She was recently chosen as the winner of the Warminster Symphony Orchestra's 2021 Young Artists Competition Youth Division. She hopes to pursue her studies in New York or Philadelphia, to fulfill her aspiration of becoming a great opera singer, following the footsteps of her idols Maria Callas, Victoria de los Angeles, Monserrat Caballé, Anna Moffo, and others.

The BH Duo features violinists Bowen Ying and Hannah Gao and is coached by Meichen Barnes. **Bowen Ying**, age 16, is a junior at Lower Merion High School. He started violin lessons with Tanya Ivanova and currently studies with Meichen Barnes. He is a member of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra (PYO) and plays in his high school's chamber orchestra. He is also a recipient of the Advanced Study Scholarship from the Settlement Music School of Philadelphia in the Gail W. Snitzer Quartet. He has been accepted to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District, Region, and All-State Orchestras, along with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-Eastern and All-National Orchestras. Bowen has won many competitions, including 1st prize in the Vivace Music Competition and the audience-voted grand prize as the Vivace Music Idol. In Tri-County Concerts' Youth Festival, he has won 2nd place in Junior Strings and tied for 1st place in Senior Strings. He also won 1st place in the Crescendo International Music and American Protégé Concerto Competitions and has performed at Carnegie Hall many times. Aside from music, he actively participates in his school's Science Olympiad team and enjoys hanging out with friends. **Hannah Gao**, age 16, is a sophomore at Harriton High School. She started playing the violin when she was 6 and currently studies with Meichen Barnes. She has played in her school's symphony and chamber orchestras and has been selected to play in the Schuylkill Valley Area Orchestra and the PMEA District and All-State Orchestras. In addition to playing violin, Hannah enjoys playing tennis, creative writing, and math. At school, she is a part of her school's Science Olympiad team and math, newspaper, and coding clubs.

Aidan Bolding, age 18, is a senior at Souderton Area High School. Born on a farm in Tucson, AZ, he began playing cello at age 3 and studied at the Music and Dance Academy. At age 9, he had the opportunity to play in Carnegie Hall as part of the Golden Key Festival. In 2013, he and his family moved to the Philadelphia region,

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where he began his studies with Gloria DePasquale. Shortly afterwards, he started in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra (PYO) organization: first, Aidan was principal chair of PRYSM, then of PYAO, and now, for a second year, of PYO. Although portions of his day are devoted to taking care of many of the goats, horses, dogs, cats, and birds on his family's farm, Aidan is fully engaged in the study of the cello. This fall he will be attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, studying under Allan Rafferty.

Matthew Chung, age 13, is in 8th grade at Arcola Intermediate School. He has been a cello student of Hsiao Ming Chen for 9 years. He attends Community Music School, where he is a recipient of a merit scholarship and has participated in chamber ensembles. In 2019, as part of the Eridanus Trio, Matthew won 2nd place in Tri-County Concerts' Youth Festival in Junior Ensemble. The trio also was invited by the Pennsylvania Philharmonic that summer to perform at one of its concerts. As the winner of the 2021 Bucks County Symphony Orchestra's Youth Concerto Competition, Matthew will perform with the orchestra in its upcoming season. This year, he joined the Center for Gifted Young Musicians (CGYM) of Temple Music Prep and was in a masterclass with Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Priscilla Lee. Matthew is first cello in his school string ensemble, and a member of the National Junior Honor Society and of his school's Math Counts team. He also was the captain of his 8th grade soccer team and enjoys running track with his friends.

The **Fröhlich Duo** features Andrew Chan (piano) and Alex Chen (violin) and is coached by Junnan Jin. **Andrew Chan**, age 15, is a sophomore at Downingtown STEM Academy. He has been playing the piano for 11 years and studies with Carl Cranmer. He has performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and received his Associate of the Royal Schools of Music (ARSM) diploma. He also won awards at the Crescendo International Music Competition, the Pennsylvania Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition, and the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival (DSPF). Andrew also plays the violin. In addition to his passion for music, he enjoys robotics, traveling, and cooking. **Alex Chen**, age 15, is a freshman at West Chester East High School and has been playing the violin since he was 7 years old. He has also performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and received his ARSM diploma in March. When he is not practicing or performing, you can find Alex with his friends.

Alyssa Gabrilovich, age 15, is a freshman at Harriton High School. She studies piano with Dr. Igor Resnianski at the Nelly Berman School of Music. She made her concerto debut at the age of 9 as a winner of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra concerto competition. She has also performed with the Ambler and Old York Road Symphony Orchestras. Competing locally, regionally, and internationally, Alyssa has received numerous awards, including the Grand Prize and Special Prize for the best performance of a Russian piece at the 2019 Chicago International Music Competition and top prize in her age division and a special award for the best performance of a contemporary piece at the 2019 Kaufman Music Center International Youth Piano

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Competition. She was a winner of the Pennsylvania MTNA Competitions (2017, 2018, and 2019), winner of the Eastern Division and National Finalist MTNA Competitions (2019-2020), and a finalist in the Philadelphia Orchestra's Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition (2020). Alyssa is a recipient of the scholarship from the Chopin Foundation of the United States (2020). She has performed in venues such as the Weill Recital Hall, Kimmel Center, and Merkin Hall. She also performed live at the WRTI 90.1FM studio (2018 and 2019) and was featured in the WWFM broadcast series "Kids on Keys" (2018) and NPR's "From the Top" program (2020).

William Ge, age 13, is in 8th grade at Valley Forge Middle School. He currently studies piano with Natalie Zhu and John Perry. Previously, he studied with the late Joy Kiszely. William has been a top prize-winner in the Pennsylvania MTNA Competition, the Philadelphia Orchestra's Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition, the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra's Irving Ludwig Young Artists' Competition, the Warminster Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition, and the Chopin International Piano Competition at Hartford. He also loves chamber music and holds an Advanced Study Scholarship at Settlement Music School. William made his first public appearance at age 6 at Carnegie Hall. At age 9, he was invited to perform at the "Lato Z. Chopinem" International Chopin Festival in Poland. Since 2018, he has been invited to give many public recitals, including the Young Musicians Musicales. In 2019, he performed close to 20 times, including his concerto debut with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra. In 2020, he produced two virtual solo recitals that were broadcast in nine senior communities in PA, NJ, and RI. Besides music, William loves math, science, reading, writing, drawing, and cross country running. He is a Caroline D. Bradley Scholar and will be attending Phillips Academy in the fall.

Rachel Gopalani, age 15, is a sophomore at The Baldwin School. She studies with Lisa Willson Denolfo of Willson Vocal Academy in Bryn Mawr. She is part of her school's choir, a competitive a cappella group, the B-Flats, and MacGuffin Theatre and Film Co.'s Vocal Troupe. She won 1st place at the 2021 National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition at the District level, and 2nd place at the 2021 NATS Competition at the Eastern Regional level and the 2019 NATS Competition at the District level. She is an honor roll student, junior head of her school's Model Congress club, and student ambassador of diversity. Rachel has been singing ever since she can remember and classically since she was 8 years old. She also enjoys Indian classical dance and musical theatre. She is grateful to have performed on stages including the Walnut Street Theater, Carnegie Hall, and Radio City Music Hall. Rachel would like to thank her family for their endless support, but specifically her sister for helping her record all of her videos.

Nathan Jiang, age 16, studies with Dr. Igor Resnianski at the Nelly Berman School of Music. In 2015, he won 1st place in the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey and American Protégé international Concerto Competition. In 2016, he was a finalist in the Philadelphia Orchestra's Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition in the

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Children's division and had a master class with Dr. Yoheved Kaplinsky. In 2017, he was the 1st place winner of the American Fine Arts Festival's International Concerto Competition, the Platinum winner of the Nelly Berman Young Classical Virtuosos of Tomorrow Competition, the prize winner of The Old York Road Symphony's Young Artist Competition, and the category winner of the eMuse International Music Competition (Greece), where he was also awarded a "Rising Star" diploma. In 2018 and 2019, Nathan won 2nd place in Tri-County Concerts' Youth Festival in Junior Piano and Senior Piano, respectively. In 2018 and 2020, he won Honorable Mention in the Pennsylvania Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition Junior and Senior Divisions, respectively. In 2020, he was selected as a Claudette Sorel Competition Fellow. He made his solo orchestral debut with the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra in New Jersey at age 9 and performed as a soloist with the Kostroma Symphony Orchestra of Russia in 2017 and with the Old York Road Symphony in 2018. In August 2018 and July 2019, he performed on WRTI (90.1 FM). Nathan also loves playing chamber music. In addition to his passion for music, he enjoys playing soccer and football, skiing, snowboarding, fishing, reading, writing, and traveling with his family.

The **JK Duo** features Jason Chen (cello) and Kevin Li (cello) and is coached by Jennifer Jie Jin. **Jason Chen**, age 13, is a 7th grader at Great Valley Middle School. He has played cello for 4 years and was initially taught by the orchestra teacher Mrs. Deminski at General Wayne Elementary School. He played with his middle school orchestra for about a year before starting private lessons with Jennifer Jie Jin. He took part in the Pennsylvania Youth Strings in 2019, advanced to the state level in the 2020 Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival and was awarded 1st place in Tri-County Concerts' Youth Festival in Junior Ensemble. He was admitted into the National Junior Honor Society in 2021. In addition, he is part of the school robotics team. Besides cello, Jason likes playing soccer and video games. **Kevin Li**, age 12, is a 6th grader at Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School. He has been playing cello for 4½ years and studies with Jennifer Jie Jin. He currently is a member of Pennsylvania Youth Strings. He has participated in many performance festivals and has performed at Carnegie Hall. Kevin won Second Place at the Crescendo International Music Competition. Aside from music, he enjoys swimming, triathlon, reading, writing, and chess.

Ian Lee, age 15, is currently a freshman at The Lawrenceville School. He has been studying the trumpet for 6 years with Alexander Serio. In 2017, he won silver in the Golden Key Music Festival and performed in Carnegie Hall. He has been a semifinalist in the National Trumpet Competition's Junior Division twice and most recently was selected as a semifinalist in the High School Division. He is the first-place winner in the Enrico Arisi Music Competition this year and a finalist in the Junior Division of the International Trumpet Guild's 2021 Ryan Anthony Memorial Trumpet Competition. In addition, he plays in his school's philharmonic orchestra. Outside of music, Ian plays varsity tennis and enjoys computer programming.

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Janice Li, age 16, is a junior at PA Leadership Charter School, where she attends the Center for Performing and Fine Arts program. She started playing the violin when she was 5 and currently studies with Hirono Oka. Janice has been in the first violin section in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra for the past two years. She is also in the Trimmingham Pre-Advanced Ensemble at the Settlement Music School. She was a member of the Temple Prep Music Program from 2015-2017 and 2019-2020 and of the Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra from 2017-2019. Outside of music, Janice takes dance classes in modern and jazz styles and is an avid painter. She is a co-president of her school's National Honors Society for Dance Arts chapter. She enjoys photography as well as figure skating, which she started at the age of four.

Lauren Wu, age 14, is in 8th grade at Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School. She started violin lessons at age 6 and is currently studying with Leah Kim. Lauren is a member of the Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra, formerly participated in the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County and Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra, and was concertmaster of the Schuylkill Valley Area Orchestra. Additionally, she received honorable mention at the Vivace Music Competition. At school, she is an active member of the Junior Model United Nations and Science Olympiad clubs. Lauren also enjoys baking and container gardening in her spare time.

Raymond Yang, age 12, is a 6th grader at Springfield Township Middle School. He began learning the alto saxophone at age 10 with his school band teacher, Robert Benton. After he discovered his passion for the instrument, he started taking lessons with Dr. William Chien. He also participates in his school's 6th grade concert band and jazz band with Matthew Barlow. In addition to music, he enjoys playing soccer and listening to music.

Clara Zhu, age 16, a sophomore at Harriton High School, has been studying flute with Ilya Ovrutsky for 10 years. She has won 1st place in the Junior High (2019) and Junior Novice Divisions (2015) in the Flute Society of Greater Philadelphia Youth Artist Competition. She is also a member of the Delaware County Youth Orchestra, where she plays both flute and piccolo. Besides playing and listening to music, Clara is an active member of her school's Science Olympiad team and has won multiple medals at the State and Regional tournaments. She also has a keen interest in art, devoting a significant portion of her free time to painting, drawing, and photography, and has won many Scholastic Art Competition awards for her works.

Vincent Zhu, age 12, is a 7th grader in Strath Haven Middle School. He began to study the piano at age 6. He studied with Donna Kay Croddy for 5 years and is currently studying with Christina Emata. In addition to piano, he plays violin and participates in his school orchestra and jazz band. In his free time, he enjoys swimming, reading, and spending time with his family and friends.

HONORABLE MENTION

JUNIOR DIVISION

<i>Ensemble</i>	Joyeux Duo: Chloe Chan, violin; Annie Le, violin
<i>Musica Diversa</i>	Michaela DeMaula, harp; Kelsey Rhyne, harp
<i>Piano</i>	Paolo Buonviri; Daniel Chu; Caleb Uy; Dylan Wen
<i>Strings</i>	Ryan Wang, violin
<i>Voice</i>	Adriana Carey, soprano; Caroline Morrissey, soprano

SENIOR DIVISION

<i>Piano</i>	Madeleine Hehn; Emily Wu
<i>Strings</i>	Anya Chan, cello; Samuel Kim, cello; Benjamin Kozloff, cello
<i>Voice</i>	Roya Reese, soprano; Charles Witmer, bass
<i>Winds</i>	Ashley Kim, flute; Claire Samaha, saxophone

THANKS TO OUR DISTINGUISHED JUDGES

<i>Ensembles</i>	Katie Kadarrauch and Rebecca Merblum
<i>Musica Diversa</i>	Cheryl Cunningham and Anne Sullivan
<i>Junior Piano</i>	Renana Gutman and Konstantin Soukhovetski
<i>Senior Piano</i>	Rieko Aizawa and Spencer Myer
<i>Junior Strings</i>	Julie Albers and Katie Kadarrauch
<i>Senior Strings</i>	Rebecca Merblum and Sami Merdinian
<i>Voice</i>	Julia Mintzer and Brenda Patterson
<i>Winds</i>	David Buck and Josh Kovach

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Reiko Aizawa, a native of Japan, has performed as a solo pianist throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe in venues such as New York's Lincoln Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, Vienna's Konzerthaus, and London's Wigmore Hall. She is a founding member of the Horszowski Trio and the prize-winning Duo Prism, Artistic Director of the Alpenglow Chamber Music Festival in Colorado, and on the faculty of the Longy School of Music of Bard College. Ms. Aizawa studied at both The Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School. She performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series as a soloist in 1994 and as a member of the Horszowski Trio in 2013.

Julie Albers has been Principal Cello of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra since 2014. She made her major orchestral debut with the Cleveland Orchestra in 1998 and has performed with orchestras and in recitals across North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. She regularly participates in chamber music festivals and is active with the Albers String Trio and the Cortona Trio. She began studying the cello at age four and attended the Young Artists Program at The Cleveland Institute of Music. Ms. Albers performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artist Series as a member of the Albers Trio in 2008.

David Buck is Principal Flute of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. He was previously Principal Flute of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and also held positions with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Oregon Symphony. He has appeared as a guest principal with the Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras and at many music festivals, and also performs extensively as a chamber musician. He has recorded John Williams' *Concerto for Flute and Orchestra* with the Detroit Symphony for Naxos Records. He has a bachelor's degree and graduate diploma from The Juilliard School. Mr. Buck was a winner in Tri-County's Youth Festival in both Junior and Senior Winds.

Cheryl Cunningham teaches Applied Harp and Chamber Music in the School of Music at Cairn University. She is Principal Harpist of the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic and Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestras and a member of various chamber music ensembles. Ms. Cunningham currently serves as President of the American Harp Society, Inc. and Treasurer of the Philadelphia Chapter and has published numerous articles about the harp. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Indiana University.

Renana Gutman, a native of Israel, is an internationally known orchestral piano soloist, recitalist, and collaborative artist who has performed with major orchestras in Israel and the U.S. and at the Marlboro Music and Ravinia Festivals. She has won top prizes in numerous competitions and is on the piano faculty at the Longy School of Music at Bard College, having previously taught at the 92nd Street Y in New York and Yehudi Menuhin Music School in the UK. She completed her bachelor's and master's

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degrees from the Mannes School of Music. Ms. Gutman performed in collaboration with violinist Alexi Kenney in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series in 2015.

Katie Kadarauich is Assistant Principal Viola of the San Francisco Symphony and was the violist of the former Janaki String Trio, which toured the U.S. and abroad and recorded with the Naxos and Yarlung labels. She was principal viola of the SFS Youth Orchestra and earned a bachelor's degree and graduate diploma from the New England Conservatory of Music. While studying at the Colburn Conservatory of Music, she performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and recorded film scores for movies such as *Get Smart*, *Spider-Man*, and *Avatar*. Ms. Kadarauich performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series as a member of the Janaki Trio in 2007.

Josh Kovach is Second Clarinet and Bass Clarinet of the Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra, Second Clarinet of the Reading Symphony Orchestra, and a member of Liberty Winds. He is Adjunct Professor of Clarinet at The College of New Jersey and maintains an active teaching as well as performance schedule. He has served as a judge of The Philadelphia Orchestra's Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition. Mr. Kovach holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Temple University.

Rebecca Merblum is a frequent substitute cellist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. She was recently a guest artist with the Cavani Quartet and previously a member of the Arteria Quartet. She served as the Chair of the String Department of the Pasadena Conservatory and currently teaches at the MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis. Ms. Merblum has a bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory of Music.

Sami Merdinian, a violinist from Argentina, is known worldwide and has performed on five continents as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. He is the Co-Founder and Artistic Director of the New Docta International Music Festival and a member of the string quintet Sybarite5. He holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Yale University and has won numerous prizes as both a soloist and a chamber musician. Mr. Merdinian performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series as a member of the Sima Trio in 2014.

Julia Mintzer is both a performer and director of opera productions. As a mezzo-soprano, she has performed principal roles at the Washington National Opera, Die Semperoper Dresden, The Glimmerglass Festival, and the Welsh National Opera. She is also the winner of the National Opera Association's 2017 Directing Fellowship and has directed productions in the UK, Germany, Italy, Canada, and the U.S. She holds degrees from The Juilliard School and the Boston University Opera Institute and also studied at Columbia University. Ms. Mintzer performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series in 2018.

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Spencer Myer was a Gold Medalist in the 2008 New Orleans International Piano Competition. He has performed in recital and as a concerto soloist and chamber musician throughout North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. He has soloed with The Cleveland Orchestra, Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, and Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston, and others, has performed in a duo with cellist Adrian Daurov since 2012, and is on the faculty at the Longy School of Music at Bard College. He holds degrees from Oberlin Conservatory, The Juilliard School, and Stony Brook University. Mr. Myer performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series in 2010.

Brenda Patterson, mezzo-soprano, was a Principal Artist of the Hamburg State Opera early in her career before continuing to La Scala in Milan and the Metropolitan Opera, where she was on the roster for seven seasons. She has also performed at Opera Colorado, Glimmerglass Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and the Florida Grand Opera, among many others. She is on the faculty of the University of Virginia and previously taught at The Juilliard School and the Mannes School of Music and for the Metropolitan Opera Lindemann Young Artist Development Program. She is a Co-Founder and Director of Music of the Victory Hall Opera and a vocal consultant to the composers-in-residence at Opera Philadelphia. She holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Barnard College. Ms. Patterson was a winner in Tri-County's Youth Festival.

Konstantin Soukhovetski, a native of Russia, is a pianist as well as an arranger and composer, collaborator, and actor in film and ballet. He began his music studies under the auspices of the Moscow Conservatory and performed extensively in Europe and Russia before moving to the U.S. He has appeared as a soloist and in recital across the world, won numerous awards and served as a competition judge, and served as the Artist-in-Residence at Pianofest in the Hamptons since 2011. He holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from The Juilliard School. Mr. Soukhovetski performed in Tri-County's Emerging Artists Series in 2007.

Anne Sullivan is known nationally as a recitalist and chamber musician, performing regularly with SPARX flute and harp duo, Duo Parisienne violin and harp duo, and the Easterly Chamber Players. She is currently harp instructor at Swarthmore College and the University of Delaware and previously taught music theory at The Curtis Institute of Music, from which she graduated. She has recorded as a soloist and chamber musician, is founder and director of Harp in the Mountains Summer Festival, has composed and arranged works for the harp, and blogs at HarpMastery.com.

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