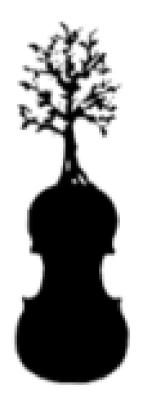
11th Season Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra

Holiday Concert



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Sunday December 10th, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Villa Maria Academy

PROGRAM

Pennsylvania Petit Ensemble

Conductor: Leah (Kyoungwoon) Kim-Tomilson

Holiday Songs:

I. Joy to the World George Frederick Handel

IX. The First Noel
XVI. Jingle Bells
J. Pierpont

XVII. We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Traditional

Pianist: Yaya Guo

Six Pieces for Violin and Cello

III. Tambourin

V. La Voluptueuse

Jean-Philipp Rameau
François Couperin

Deck the Halls

Carol of the Bells

Traditional arr. Elliot Del Borgo
arr. Michael Hopkins

Pennsylvania Youth Strings

Conductor: Gareth Haynes

Capriol Suite Peter Warlock

I. Basse-Danse, Allegro moderato

II. Pavane, Allegretto, ma un poco lento

VI. Mattachins (Sword Dance), Allegro con brio

Contrapunctus I from *The Art of Fugue*Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. V. Nelhybel

Greensleeves Traditional, arr. M. Hopkins

Radetzky March Johann Strauss, arr. J. Manookian

Pennsylvania Elite Strings

Faculty: Jennifer Jie Jin, Eliezer Gutman, Sarah Sutton

Eine Klein Nachtmusik K 525

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro

Serenade for Strings in E minor Op. 22

Antonin Dvorak

I. Moderato

Christmas Medley

Sing We Now of Christmas

Fum, Fum, Fum!

Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant

arr. Matthew Naughtin French, 15th century Catalan, 16th century

French, 18th century

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontonvych, arr. Ognyan Petrov

Members

Pennsylvania Petit Ensemble

Conductor: Leah (Kyoungwoon) Kim-Tomilson

Assistants: Lauren Wu, Alexzandria Robbins, Kevin Li, Yaya Guo

ViolinVioloncelloAlexandra GuoAmber WangCarlo HuangJeffrey ZhangLucy McConnellClaire YuJasper ZhangSophia ZhaoKayden WangChris MoonSilas FrostCandice XuMargaret Wu

Pennsylvania Youth Strings

Conductor: Gareth Haynes

Assistants: Millie Slifer, Vidhyuth Sriram, Ryan Ye, Deana Yuan

Violin I

Rachel Moon

Zisi Zhu

Cody Huang Grace Yao

Rebekka Broker

Adam Stein

Krish Mudaliar Olivia Kim

Noah Wang

Violin II

Amy Gu

Mason Frost

William Fan

Jason Li

Lily Matsuura

Caitlyn Swaner

Viola

Ethan Qi

Leah Yoon

Violoncello

Johanna Zeng

Sophia Ma

lvan Lin

Simon Ye

Daqian Han

Olivia Michalsky

Antonia Sun

Pennsylvania Elite Strings

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Assistant: Deana Yuan

Violin I

Rebecca Tang Rasika Sivakumar

Joe Lin

Brooks Brewington

Mina Liu

Violin II

Brandon Bao

Jugad Singh

Andrew Stein

Danyan Yang

Kathy Wu

Isabella Valdeviezo

Viola

Aaron Wang

Violoncello

Claire Chen

Abigail Zilber

Emily Wang

Double Bass

Damon (DJ) Swaner

Penn Youth

Established in 2013, Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra offers a unique, intense, productive, intimate music training program for the string instrument players. Our program is proud of offering smaller ensemble settings to develop the students' musicianship and communication skills and to make music thoughtfully with the professional, experienced, devoted, nurturing performing artists and teachers in the region.

More info at www.pennyouthorchestra.com

Faculty

Leah (Kyoungwoon) Kim-Tomilson is the Director of Music at Villa Maria Academy High School, a violinist in Fairmount String Quartet, and Director of Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra and Chamberstrings Summer Camp. She was adjunct professor at Temple University, West Chester University, Valley Forge University, Eastern University and faculties at the Settlement Music School, Peabody Conservatory Prep, Archbishop John Carroll High School, Lehigh Valley Performing Arts High School, West Catholic High School, and director of music at Rebecca Davis Dance Company. Ms. Leah studied Performance and Pedagogy at Juilliard, Peabody Conservatory, National Conservatoire de France, Mozarteum and began her Doctorate in Music and Arts at Temple University. She studied under Margaret Pardee, Berl Senofsky, Victor Danchenko, Ruggerio Ricci and Alexandre Brussilovsky.

Ms. Leah has been a finalist at the Jean Francaix International Competition (Paris), full scholarship recipients at Conservatoire de National Région Versailles Scholarship (Paris), Mozarteum Conservatory Scholarship (Austria), Peabody Conservatory plus Merit Scholarship and received scholarships while attending Juilliard. Ms. Leah was winners of the Long Island Symphony Young Artist competition (first place), New York Times Young Artist competition (first place), National Honors Society Scholarship for High Achiever of the year, MTNA National, Eastern, and New York State division (first place), NYSSMA highest Sore winner (scored 200/100 and it was first and only time ever given in the competition history) and before coming to USA, she won many national competition awards and appeared as a soloist with several orchestra in South Korea. She appeared in a "LIVE" solo performance at WQXR (New York Times Radio Station) performing Paganini Violin concerto No 1.

Ms. Leah's music major students have gone on to play in the Philadelphia Orchestra, a concertmistress at the Grand Rapids Symphony, adjunct professor at NYU Music department and music teachers all around the world. Her Music majoring students continued their studies at the Curtis Institute of Music, Juilliard Music School, Manhattan School of Music, Eastman Music School, Peabody Conservatory, New England Conservatory, Rice University, Cleveland Institute of Music, Boston College, Swarthmore, Berkeley, Michigan, Vanderbilt, Penn State, Columbia University, University of Hartford, Moravian University and Temple University.

Jennifer Jie Jin has performed in music capitals in North America, Europe and Asia. She has played with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Boston Symphony, Houston Symphony, New World Symphony, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia and has been invited to U.S. music festivals including Aspen, Tanglewood, Ravinia, National Repertory Orchestra, Taos as well as international festivals in Europe.

An active chamber musician, she is the founder of the Tang-gu-la String Quartet, which toured worldwide and received numerous honors, winning Second Prize in the First National String Quartet Competition. Shortly after that award, the quartet appeared in Isaac Stern's Oscar-winning documentary "From Mao to Mozart" and performed for President Bill Clinton.

Currently, she is the cellist of Pyxis Piano Trio ,Copeland String Quartet and member of Delaware Symphony. She was a member of Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Harrisburg Symphony, Colorado Music Festival Orchestra and Principal Cello of Bay Atlantic Symphony. Passionate about music education, Ms. Jin is the Director of Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra and Chamber Strings Music Camp. She received the Ovation Award for inspiration and outstanding leadership in music education presented by Philadelphia Youth Orchestra in 2016.

Ms. Jin is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Rice University and Shanghai Conservatory of Music.

Gareth Haynes graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in classical composition in May of 2018, studying under Professor Jan Krzywicki and Dr. Cynthia Folio. Beginning in November of 2023, he is the Organist and Music Director at St. Matthew's Parish in Conshohocken, where he is building a new music program.

Mr. Haynes's performance experience includes the full range of brass and woodwinds, as well as piano, organ, harpsichord, and voice. As a teenager, he studied clarinet with Will Amsel and Gi Lee, and played with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. While in college, Mr. Haynes sang tenor with the University Concert Choir and Graduate Conductors' Chorus, served as a staff singer at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany in Center City Philadelphia, and played sackbut with the Temple Early Music Ensemble. As a student, Mr. Haynes won two composition competitions hosted by the Network for New Music.

Mr. Haynes currently directs the intermediate division of the Pennsylvania Youth Orchestra, a strings program based in Malvern. As a conductor, he has had opportunities to study with Maestro Miguel Romea, Dr. James Jordan, Dr. Timothy McDonnell, and Sir James MacMillan.

Additionally, he accompanies violin students of Ms. Leah Kim-Tomilson and cello students of Ms. Jie Jin, in which capacity he maintains a busy schedule of recordings, auditions, and performances.

Eliezer Gutman, Romanian-born and raised in Israel, Eliezer Gutman is one of the founders of the Copeland String Quartet, and has been a member of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra since 1994. He is currently concertmaster with the Kennett Symphony of Chester County, the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and Opera Delaware, and also serves as assistant concertmaster of the Reading Symphony Orchestra. Eliezer has performed solo recitals in France, England, Spain, Israel, and the United States. He was concertmaster of the Israel Technion-Institute Symphony Orchestra, Kibbutzim Symphony Orchestra, the Ensemble-Carmel-Israel Chamber Orchestra, and was a member of the Haifa Israel Symphony.

Eliezer earned a Bachelor of Industry and Management degree from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and a Master of Music degree from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. He studied under David Arben, Philadelphia Orchestra assistant concertmaster, and Avigdor Zamir, associate concertmaster of the Dutch orchestra The Concertgebouw. Eliezer finds his greatest joy spending time with his two children, Elad and Ayelet. "Simply stated: I love what I do." Eliezer Gutman

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