

PUNAHOU MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# Concerto Showcase

— 2021 —

featuring 5 extraordinary soloists from the Class of 2021



Erin Nishi  
violin



Mira Hu  
cello



Sejin Park  
flute



Sewon Park  
viola



Stephanie Yoshida  
violin

YouTube Premiere  
on Punahou School's YouTube Channel  
Friday, February 26, 2021 | 7 p.m.

# *Program*

Violin Concerto No. 3 in B Minor, Op. 61..... Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

III. Molto moderato e maestoso - Allegro non troppo

Stephanie Yoshida, violin  
Mr. J. Scott Janusch, piano

Cello Concerto in A Minor, Op. 129..... Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

I. Nicht zu schnell

Mira Hu, cello  
Ms. Annie Kwok, piano

Concertino in D Major, Op. 107..... Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)

Sejin Park, flute  
Dr. Katy Luo, piano

Viola Concerto..... William Walton (1902-1983)

II. Vivo, con molto preciso

Sewon Park, viola  
Mr. Craig Young, piano

Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35..... Pytor Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

I. Allegro moderato

Erin Nishi, violin  
Dr. Thomas Yee, piano

*Filmed at Dillingham Hall*

**Stephanie Yoshida** began playing the violin at the age of six under the tutelage of Mrs. Judy Barrett. In addition to being a member of the Punahou Symphony Orchestra and Punahou Chamber Music Program, she also plays for the Hawaii Youth Symphony. Stephanie has spent her summers attending music camps across the country. In 2018, she took part in the Encore Chamber Music Festival and in 2019 and 2020, she was selected as one of eighty members of Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra 2 where she served as the assistant concertmistress. Besides playing the violin, Stephanie enjoys conducting scientific research, picnicking with her friends, and watching major league baseball games with her dad. She would like to continue her violin studies in college while pursuing a degree in astrophysics. Stephanie is grateful for Mr. Craig Young, Dr. Jonas Carlson, and Mrs. Helen Chao-Casano for their incredible mentorship over the past seven years. She is thankful for the immense support from her parents, Mr. Wesley Yoshida and Dr. Namthip Sitachitta. Finally, she extends deep appreciation to Mrs. Judy Barrett for her invaluable teachings and words of encouragement throughout her musical journey.



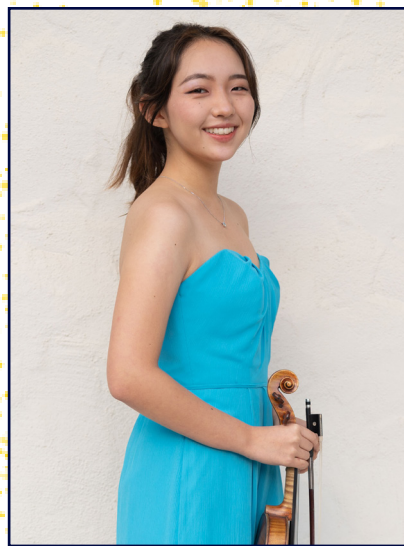
**Mira Hu** began learning piano at age three and cello at age seven. Mira currently studies cello with Nancy Masaki, with whom she has been studying since fourth grade. Mira serves as principal cellist in the Punahou Symphony and the Hawaii Youth Symphony I in addition to playing in both the Punahou Chamber Music program and the Hawaii Youth Symphony Chamber Program. She has won awards competing in the Hawaii Music Teachers Association, Music Teachers National Association, numerous Great Composers Competition series, Morning Music Club, Enkor, and the Osaka International Competition. Mira performed as a soloist with the Kamuela Philharmonic and at Carnegie Hall after winning the Madeline Schatz-Harris Concerto Competition and American Protege Competition, respectively. Mira spends her summers studying at music festivals. Aside from music, Mira enjoys traveling, eating, and singing (terribly) in the car with friends. She plans to study cello performance and psychology in college. She is grateful to Mr. Craig Young, Dr. Jonas Carlson, Mrs. Helen Chao-Casano, and Dr. Helen Liu for helping her grow as a musician. She is also grateful for Ms. Nancy Masaki's everlasting support and encouragement through her journey. She would also like to thank Mrs. Seon Choi for never giving up teaching her piano. She is also thankful for her friends for making this journey exhilarating and memorable. Finally, she is grateful to her mom, Eri Kawano for all the love and sacrifices she has made.



**Sejin Park** began playing the flute in fourth grade under the instruction of Mrs. Aileen Kawakami. For the past two years, she has studied with Ms. Sabrina Saiki-Mita at the Punahou Music School. Sejin is a member of the Punahou Wind Ensemble and has performed with the Hawaii Youth Symphony, Select Band, and Pacific Music Institute ensembles. Additionally, she received alternate winner prizes for the 2019 and 2020 Hawaii state level of the Music Teacher's National Association High School Winds competition. When she is not practicing, you can find her in the school's air rifle range, in the yearbook room in the Pauahi basement, or the courthouse with her mock trial team. Although she is unsure of what major she wants to pursue in college, she hopes that it would have no shortage of reading, writing and human interaction. She would like to thank Dr. Katy Luo for accompanying her in both the audition and the performance recordings, her friends for believing in her when she doesn't, and Mr. Alec Briguglio for teaching her the joy of performing for an audience. Most importantly, she expresses her deepest gratitude to her parents, Mrs. Soojung Lee and Mr. Changje Park, for motivating her and supporting her unconditionally.



**Sewon Park** began playing the viola in seventh grade, studying with Punahou Director of Orchestras, Mr. Craig Young. Previously, she had studied violin for four years. Aside from playing in the Punahou Symphony Orchestra and the Punahou Chamber Music program, she is also a member of the Hawaii Youth Symphony and is currently the principal violist of the Youth Symphony I. Last year, she was selected to be a member of the National Youth Orchestra 2 (NYO2), one of Carnegie Hall's three national youth ensembles. Aside from music, Sewon is an editor for the Oahuan (Punahou's yearbook) and competes on the varsity girls' air riflery team. During her free time, she enjoys cooking, spending time with friends, and doing outdoor activities. She plans to continue playing the viola in college while majoring in biochemistry. She is grateful to Mr. Craig Young, Dr. Jonas Carlson, Mrs. Helen Chao-Casano, and Dr. Helen Liu for their devotion, encouragement, and inspiration in guiding her to become the musician and person she is today. Finally, she would like to thank her parents, Mrs. Soojung Lee and Mr. Changje Park, for all their love and support throughout the years.



**Erin Nishi** entered the Punahou Music School Suzuki Violin program at the age of three, initially studying with Mrs. Mia Lai-Carlson and later continuing with Suzuki Violin program director Ms. Helen Higa. She began studies with Hawaii Symphony concertmaster Mr. Ignace Jang in her freshman year. Erin treasures her many musical memories in the Punahou Orchestra and Chamber Music Program, and has soloed with Kamuela Philharmonic, Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, Hawaii Youth Symphony II, and Maui Chamber Orchestra. She has won the Hawaii state level of the Music Teachers National Association Senior String competition for the last four years. As Punahou Music Club Co-President, she organized and performed in outreach performances at hospitals, senior homes, and hospices, and in fundraising concerts for worthy causes. She is currently a teaching assistant for AP Chemistry, and for the Hawaii Youth Symphony Academy since ninth grade. She aspires to study violin performance and neuroscience in college. Erin would like to thank Mr. Craig Young, Dr. Jonas Carlson, and Mrs. Helen Chao-Casano for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and their invaluable guidance; Mr. Ignace Jang for his expert, inspirational teaching; and Dr. Thomas Yee for his superb piano collaborations. She would also like to thank Ms. Helen Higa, Dr. Helen Liu, Drs. Bruce and Cynthia Keller, Mrs. Nancy Masaki, and her family, especially her parents Drs. Steven Nishi and Pam Tauchi-Nishi, for all their support over the years.

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