

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 | 8 PM
NEIDORFF-KARPATI HALL

PRECOLLEGE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Nathan Hetherington, Conductor

PROGRAM

CÉSAR FRANCK
(1822–1890)

Symphonic Variations (Variations symphoniques), M. 46
Anthony Reznikovsky, piano

JOHANNES BRAHMS
(1833–1897)

Variations on a Theme by Haydn

ALBERTO GINASTERA
(1916–1983)

Four Dances from *Estancia*, Op. 8a
I. *Los trabajadores agrícolas* (The Land Workers)
II. *Danza del trigo* (Wheat Dance)
III. *Los peones de hacienda* (The Cattlemen)
IV. *Danza Final* (Malambo)

*This concert is presented in memory of Jan Morreel
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Nathan Hetherington, Conductor

Nathan Hetherington is active in the New York City area as a conductor, composer, teacher, and singer. He has long been a champion of new music in both the jazz and classical worlds and has conducted countless premieres, working closely with composers to bring their works to life with energy and sensitivity. Nathan is deeply engaged with the world of music education, sharing his knowledge and love of music history, music theory, composition, and conducting with students of all ages and levels of musical ability.

Nathan Hetherington's passionate commitment to the training of young orchestral musicians led him to create the Praxis Youth Leadership Orchestra, a radically new type of ensemble focused on mentoring serious young musicians in musical and social leadership. In addition to his work with Praxis, he conducts at the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division and Summer Music Camp, as well as the Lucy Moses and Special Music Schools. In 2012 he was appointed Orchestra Director at Horace Mann School, where, in addition to his conducting duties in the Middle and Upper Divisions, he teaches music history and steel drums.

Nathan received his Bachelor of Arts in music from Vassar College, where he founded and for two years directed the Mahagonny Ensemble, a student group of singers and instrumentalists specializing in concert and theater works of the last 100 years. Following a year of conducting study with Tonu Kalam at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nathan completed a Master of Music in jazz vocal performance at Manhattan School of Music. In May 2006 he completed a second Master's degree at MSM in classical composition, studying with J. Mark Stambaugh. After graduating, he continued his compositional studies privately with Richard Danielpour and his conducting studies with Roger Nierenberg.

Luyao Zachary Guo, piano

Luyao Zachary Guo is a Young Artist of the Artemisia Akademie in NYC. In 2022, he won the New York State MNTA Piano Competition, received the "the Most Creative Program" Award at the 7th Claudette Sorel International Piano Competition, and won the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Piano Concerto Competition. He received 2nd prize in 2021 Piano Teachers' Congress of New York Competition and the Chopin Award at the Schubert Club 2015 Piano Competition; 3rd Prize in 2019 International Gershwin International Piano Competition; and 1st prize in the 2017 American Protégé Piano Competition, the 2017 Rondo Young Artists Piano Festival, and the 2016 Piano Teachers' Congress of New York Piano Competition. Zachary has appeared in

the Stella Concert Series in NYC and the Impromptu Classical Music Recitals Series's "Music in the Park" in Connecticut.

As a solo pianist, Zachary has performed Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23, Beethoven's Concerto No. 1, and Grieg's Concerto Op. 16 with the Torun Symphony Orchestra in Poland, as well as Chopin's Concerto No. 2 at the Orchestra del Music Fest in Perugia, Italy.

Zachary has attended Piano Texas in the U.S., the Mozarteum Summer Piano Academy in Austria, the Paderewski Piano Academy in Poland, the Academie Internatinal d'ete de Nice in France, and the Perugia Piano Festival in Italy. He has taken piano master classes with Arie Vardi, Bernd Goetzke, Veda Kaplinsky, Jerome Lowenthal, Balaze Szokoley, Jan Jiracek von Arnim, Akiko Ebi, Noriko Ogawa, Dina Yoffe, Pavlina Dokovska, Ilana Vered, and Ursula Oppens.

Zachary was a cellist in the String Trio group at Stamford Music and Arts Academy. He won 1st prize in the 2017 American Protégé String Competition and 2nd prize in 2017 Rondo Young Artists Festival String Competition. He also performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Hall as both a pianist and cellist.

Zachary is currently a student of Dr. Jiayin Li and studied with Solomon Mikowsky. He began studying piano with Lu Ye in Connecticut and continued his studies with Tema Blackstone and Hung-Kuan Chen at the Juilliard School for five years.

Anthony Reznikovsky, piano

Anthony Reznikovsky was born in Brooklyn, New York. He started taking piano lessons at the age of six, and at eight was admitted to the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division, where he studied with Golda Tatz. As a child, he took violin lessons for eight years and was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Children's Chorus from 2012 to 2017. He has participated in several competitions, receiving the Category II prize in the 2015 Rosalyn Tureck International Bach Competition and the Grand Winner prize in the 2019 NLPA International Young Artists' Competition. He also won the 2019–20 Manhattan School of Music Precollege Philharmonic Piano Concerto Competition; as a result, he is performing with the orchestra in tonight's concert. He graduated from the Precollege Division in 2021, and is currently studying piano with José Ramón Mendez at the Northwestern University Bienen School of Music.

ABOUT THE PRECOLLEGE DIVISION

The Precollege Division of Manhattan School of Music is a full-day Saturday music program for youth between the ages of 5 and 18. Students are admitted by audition only. There are currently about 500 students enrolled in the Precollege Division, and approximately 140 faculty members. In addition to a complete classical music curriculum, there is a jazz curriculum for the Precollege Division, in which classical students can take classes in jazz by audition. Each student receives a weekly private lesson and augments their studies with classes such as theory and ear training, orchestra, chorus, composition, conducting, opera, musical theatre, and chamber music groups. There are chamber music and concerto competitions every year, with winners performing in a public concert. Performances are scheduled throughout the year in our various recital and performance halls.

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