

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 8 PM
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PRECOLLEGE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Nathan Hetherington, Conductor

PROGRAM

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF
(1873–1943)

Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18
I. *Moderato*

William Lauricella, piano

JEAN SIBELIUS
(1865–1957)

Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47
I. *Allegro moderato*

Keitaku Iwata, violin

REENA ESMAIL
(b. 1983)

Testament from Vishwas

BEDŘICH SMETANA
(1824–1884)

Má vlast (My Fatherland)
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III. *Šárka*

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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.

Oriana Yuyao Huang, flute

Oriana Huang, age 14, is a freshman at Dwight-Englewood School and a classical flute major attending the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division.

In late 2018, Oriana started studying flute with Wendy Stern at the Thurnauer School of Music. In 2020, she was accepted into MSM Precollege as a classical flute major, where she currently studies with Zara Lawler. She has been named to the Dean's List every year since she was accepted and performed in several Honors Recitals.

In 2022, Oriana placed third in the National Flute Association's Junior Soloist Competition, first in the American Protégé International Woodwinds and Brass Competition, and third in the Winds section of the American Virtuoso

International Music Competition. She also won gold prize in the World Classical Music Awards and 2nd place in the solo and concerto categories of the 2023 Camerata Artists International Competition. She has won first prize in the Golden Classical Music Awards and Grand Prize Virtuoso International Awards. Oriana is the winner of the MSM Precollege 2022-23 Concerto Competition for Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion. She is also a winner of Dwight-Englewood's concerto competition 2022-23. Additionally, she has received first prize for piano in the 2022 Prima Volta Music Competition.

Oriana was selected for masterclasses with Dr. Bart Feller and Mr. Alberto Almarza and was accepted into the 2023 New Jersey All-State band. She has been invited to perform in performance venues such as Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall and the Royal Albert Hall in England. In her free time, Oriana enjoys listening to music, swimming, playing piano, and writing short stories and poetry, which she has earned Scholastic recognition for in both 2022 and 2023.

William Lauricella, piano

William Lauricella is a 17-year-old pianist, percussionist and composer from Glenmont, New York. He began private piano lessons at age 5 and percussion lessons at 9. William has attended Juilliard and Manhattan School of Music Precollege Divisions, and is currently studying piano with Dr. Inesa Sinkevych at MSM Precollege. William has been a percussion student of Richard Albagli, the Principal Percussionist with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, for the past 6 years.

William won first place prizes in the 2022 MSM Precollege Philharmonic Piano Concerto Competition, the 2022 CDCYM Chopin Competition-Master level category, the 2022 and 2021 Luzerne Music Center International Senior Concerto Competition, the 2020 and 2023 ESYO Lois Lyman Concerto Competition, the 2019 Junior Luzerne Music Center International Concerto Competition, as well as the 2018 Schenectady Symphony Louise DeFeo Parillo Concerto Competition and the 2018 Tchaikovsky Music Competition at the New Russia Cultural Center. William placed second in the 2022 Uel Wade Scholarship competition, the 2019 Leschetizky International Concerto Competition and the 2019 CDCYM Chopin Competition-Intermediate level category.

William was recently accepted to Brevard Music Center's Summer Festival for piano and percussion. On January 21, 2024, William will be performing Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto with the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra. William has been featured on PBS as the WMHT Classical Student of the month.

William is a member of the Empire State Youth Orchestra's Symphony orchestra as a pianist and percussionist, and is also a member of the ESYO Youth Percussion Ensemble. He participates in his high school's wind ensemble, jazz band, orchestra, and percussion ensemble. He enjoys playing piano for his high school choir. He also enjoys performing at local nursing homes, and for benefit concerts for the Ronald McDonald House and the American Cancer Society. William recently performed in the pit orchestra as a timpanist and percussionist for his high school's production of *Les Misérables*. William enjoys to play golf in his free time. He is also interested in psychology and participates in his school's Spanish Honors Society.

Keitaku Iwata, violin

Keitaku Iwata is an 18-year-old violinist, currently attending Princeton High School in Princeton, New Jersey. He currently studies under Dr. Chloé Kiffer at Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division.

Keitaku was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and began his studies with a Suzuki teacher when he was 4. He later studied with Ms. Fudeko Takahashi in Boston before moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 2010 where he studied for Ms. Leah Peroutka, a faculty member in the music department at UNC. Keitaku moved to Princeton in 2017, where he studied under Ps. Katarzyna Powichrowska. He was the First Place Winner of the Rondo Young Artist Festival Competition in 2018, First Place Winner of the Crescendo International Youth Music Competition, Finalist and Third Place Winner of the Philadelphia International Music Festival Concerto Competition in 2021, First Place of the New York Artists International Competition, and Alternate Winner of the New Jersey MTNA Strings Competition Senior Division in 2022. As a chamber musician, Keitaku has been Silver Winner of the National Young Artists Chamber Music and Ensemble Competition in 2019, and received Second Place of the Prima Volta Music Competition and First Place of The New York Artists International Competition in 2022.

Keitaku enjoys spending his free time reading, writing, and baking. He co-founded and co-leads the PHS Creative Writing Club, and enjoys his appointed role as the family baker, baking his family member's birthday cakes and gifts for friends and family.

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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