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Stretto

Youth Chamber Orchestra



“Dance, Sing, Play!”

Spring Concert 2024

Sunday, June 9th at 6:00 pm

Trinity Cathedral

801 West State, Trenton, NJ

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Program

Concerto for 2 violas, I. avec douceur G. P. Telemann

Allie Williams and Ronit Ganguli, violas

Concerto for 4 violins in B minor, III. Allegro A. Vivaldi

Alina Diaz, Patrick Ming, Imani Laird, Ethan Wang and Josh Jen, violins

Excerpt from Violin Concerto in E Minor F. Mendelssohn

arr. Rechtman

Patrick Ming, violin

Minuet in C J. S. Bach

Young Musicians

Ah vous dirai-je, Maman W.A. Mozart

Trinity Strings Beginner Group Class joined by their older siblings

Danzas Latinoamericanas José Elizando

I. Otoño en Buenos Aires / Autumn in Buenos Aires

II. Pan de Azúcar / Sugar Loaf

III. Atardecer Tapatío / Sunset in Guadalajara

Oh, Lady Be Good! George and Ira Gershwin

arr. Ligon

All About That Bass Meghan Trainor

arr. Moore

Stand by Me Ben E. King

arr. Moore

Can't Help Falling in Love Weiss, Peretti and Creatore

arr. Longfield

The Swan Saint-Saëns

Rachel Grainge, cello

Salut d'amour Elgar

arr. Cowles

HELP BY TAKING A SURVEY

We are asking all current and former Stretto, BMF and Trinity Strings students and families to help us with a demographics survey, and a survey tracking the impact of participation in long-term musical study on our students.

It is extremely important for the purposes of both growth and grants to get responses from the entire community, past and present.

Please take a moment to fill out the below survey as best applies:

CURRENT STUDENT/FAMILY SURVEY



ALUMNI SURVEY



HOW CAN I HELP?

Today we are collecting donations in support of
our summer program
Blue Mountain Festival
(www.bluemountainfestival.org)

As with all our programs, we remain committed
to making the same opportunity accessible to stu-
dents from across the socio-economic spectrum.
In order to provide scholarships for both the Day
Camp here at Trinity and our Residential Camp in
Emmitsburg, MD, we need to raise \$35, 000
annually.

If you'd like to give online, you can follow the QR
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Learning to play with excellence -

Learning to live in harmony

Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra is a team of music lovers who participate in learning and teaching together in an immersion based music learning program. We come together to tackle the challenge of playing great works of the chamber orchestra literature, as well as newly composed works. Stretto is also a community that emphasizes the values of socio-economic inclusion and the need to actively foster empathy. There is a leadership-training program built into the structure of Stretto to give older students a chance to mentor younger students and lead their peers. Service and a capacity for nurturing are emphasized as the characteristics of a strong leader. The students inspire each other to invest their energies within the ensemble and within other communities to which they belong. All students' joys and struggles, no matter how different the context, are honored as significant within our community.

Local and international performances are a part of our training. The students share their music with those who might not otherwise have access, including playing during meals for the homeless and at nursing homes. We travel triennially to Asia or Europe with all members of our ensemble regardless of their ability to completely cover their costs of travel. This type of experience matters because the students can view themselves as citizens of the world. The enjoyment they experience during their musical development carries over into their adult years and, like the compassion we foster, ends up as part of the DNA of our students and alumnae, creating emotional fulfillment within their lives and careers. We model the strength and confidence that a diverse and shared community can create when all the individuals are joined in a shared purpose.

Stretto has performed in Chicago, Paris, Essen, Düsseldorf, Florence, Prague, Vienna, Baden, Brussels, Belgrade, Sofia, Shanghai, Beijing, Sicily, Switzerland, Montenegro and Croatia, and has been invited as a featured performing ensemble at the Philadelphia Bach Festival, New York Encounter (New York, NY) and the Princeton Early Music Festival.

Violins

Alina Diaz, Co-concertmaster
Patrick Ming, Co-concertmaster
Joshua Jen, Co-Principal 2 nd
James Chubbuck, Co-Principal 2nd
Ethan Wang, Co-Principal 2 nd
Caroline Balazs
Bengu Bulbul
Nicholas Browne
Elif Cam
Madison Conway
Patrick Crotty
Ella Gee
Emily Gordon
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Gio Juarez
Imani Laird
Emilia Owen
Maya Pegrem
Danyal Rizavi
Achyut Seshadri
Shawna Tahvildar-Zadeh
Ben Weihe
Nadir Leonard, Young Musician
Aaron Nool, Young Musician
Ahana Seshadri, Young Musician

Violas

Eliana Ozsvath, Co-Principal
Ronit Ganguli, Co-Principal
Alexandra Williams, Co-Principal
Makenzie Conway
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Trinity Strings:

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Basses

Irina Cowles, Principal
Alexander Solomon

Continuo

Chelsea Roberts

Percussion

Michael Frias

Imani Laird graduated from Newton South High School in Massachusetts. Before moving to MA in July 2023, Imani was Co-Section Leader of the Stretto Second Violin section and attended West Windsor Plainsboro High School South. There, she served as President of Campaign Dialogue, her school's climate and culture team, and spearheaded Equity Week, a week-long campaign to make her school more knowledgeable about the different aspects of equity. She was also an appointed Peer Leader, Vice President of the Black Student Union, and Co-Captain of the Step Dance Team. Additionally, she is proud to have served as Foundation Chair for the Mercer County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, where she raised \$13,000, and as a summer intern in the office of NJ Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds Jackson, where she worked on the Sickle Cell Initiative and aided the passage of Bill A-4052 which appropriates \$10,200,000 for a three-year sickle cell center pilot program. Imani has won numerous awards, including the New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education and Second Place in the World of 8 Billion Video Contest out of 4,000+ entrants. Imani plans to attend Hampton University on a full-ride merit scholarship, where she will study political science on the pre-law track and a possible film studies minor. Imani would like to thank Sherri for being the best violin teacher and keeping her focused on the goal to improve. She also thanks her mom for being her biggest supporter, and wouldn't be where she is today without her. She also wants to thank Ms. Joan for donating her violin to her. She plans to use it through college too, and it is the best she could ask for!

Alexandra Williams is a Senior who attends Notre Dame High School. Alexandra known as Allie, began playing Violin at the age of six with Trinity Strings. She has been a member of the Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra since the age of twelve and has toured Italy and Switzerland. Allie started playing the viola during her sophomore year of high school and is currently the principal of the viola section. Outside of Stretto, Allie is involved in her school community as a Student Government Representative, Student Ambassador, Honors Religion Service Leader, Senior Member of the Orchestra and Band, Soccer Captain, Mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, and Co-President of the Shades Club. In addition to her involvement in her school community, Allie is employed with CVS Pharmacy, an Intern for Paula Sollami at the Mercer County Clerk's Office, a youth delegate for the Diocese of Trenton, and a Volunteer Coach for Ewing United Soccer. Next year Allie plans to study Political Science on the pre-law track at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA this Fall.

Graduating Senior's Bios

Ronit Ganguli is a senior at West Windsor Plainsboro HS North. He has been playing the Viola for 8 years. His musical journey with Stretto has been for 6 splendid years, as a member and later as Principal Violist. Ronit also enjoys swimming, speed-cubing, and Robotics. Ronit is excited to attend Case Western Reserve University this fall to pursue medical studies in Neuroscience, minor in Artificial Intelligence and work on healthcare research at Cleveland Clinic. Due to his passion for music and his commitment to promoting music for a healthy mind and body, he plans to continue playing the Viola for the Case University Circle Symphony Orchestra. He is grateful to his parents, sister, grandparents, Ms. Sherri, and all those who have helped him grow in music and every aspect of life in a positive way.

Rachel Grainge has been a member of Stretto for the past seven years. She is graduating from International Christian High School in Philadelphia. There, she was involved in helping to plan and organize several charity events and learned about leadership as a student ambassador. She also spent much time volunteering at the church where her father is pastor in the food pantry, and taking care of refugee children while their parents received social services and ESL classes. She has been a great friend to several African refugees helping them to feel valued and giving them hope. She is a lifeguard and has worked at a Philadelphia city pool the past two summers. In the Fall, she plans to attend Temple University to study Criminal Psychology. She's excited to participate in all the new opportunities coming up in this new chapter of her life. She said, "I love connecting with people and having an open mind to learn all about them. During my free time, I enjoy playing my cello, trying out new hairstyles on my friends and my own hair, and just hanging out with loved ones. I would like to thank my family, teachers, and friends for their support and encouragement throughout my high school journey. I truly could not have done it without them."

Joshua Jen is a senior at The Wilberforce School in Princeton and a co-principal 2nd violinist at Stretto. He has played violin for around 8 years and played at Stretto for 3 and a half years. He will be attending Princeton University next fall and hopes to study public policy or politics. In his free time, Joshua enjoys reading mystery novels, binge-watching TV shows, and exploring new foods. He is grateful to his parents for always supporting his endeavors, to Sherri for all her work guiding and supporting him, and to God from whom all blessings flow.

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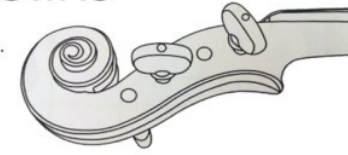
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