

2026 National YoungArts Week

# Classical Music Performance

Thursday, January 8, 2026 - New World Center

**Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos, Op. 17** (1901)  
IV. Tarantella

Sergei Rachmaninoff  
(1873—1943)

**Kyle Yeung** and **Anwen Deng**, *piano*

**American Canvas** (2016)  
III. Wyeth

Jennifer Higdon  
(b. 1962)

**Ellie Choi**, *flute* | **Sonya Moomaw**, *cello*  
**David Gatien**, *piano*

**Suite for Violin and Piano** (1943)  
I. African Dancer

William Grant Still Jr.  
(1895—1978)

**Khaos Kook**, *violin* | **Ian Lin**, *piano*

**Shock Absorber** (2025)

**Ethan Hsu**<sup>^</sup>  
(b. 2008)

Emilio Rutllant\*, *flute* | Molly Wyrick-Flax\*, *clarinet*  
Michelle Skinner\*, *violin* | Benjamin Whitman\*, *cello*  
Jenny Snyder\*, *piano*

**Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, FP 43** (1926)  
II. Andante  
III. Rondo

Francis Poulenc  
(1899—1963)

**Irene Lee**, *oboe* | **Grace Yoon**, *bassoon*  
**Samuel Lu**, *piano*

## Intermission

**And Legions Will Rise** (2001)

Kevin Puts  
(b. 1972)

**Santiago Del Curto**, *clarinet* | **Stephan Zhang**, *violin*  
**Yoyo Wu**, *marimba*

**Quintet for Guitar and Strings, Op. 143** (1950)  
IV. Finale: Allegro con fuoco

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco  
(1895—1968)

**Madison Lee** and **Daniel Qi**, *violin* | **Dana Chung**, *viola*  
**Starla Breshears**, *cello* | **Beckett Ceron**, *guitar*

**Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 25** (1861)  
IV. Rondo alla zingarese: Presto

Johannes Brahms  
(1831—1897)

**Valery Breshears**, *violin* | **Sunjoo Lucas Park**, *viola*  
**Charles Lee**, *cello* | **Taige Wang**, *piano*

\*Musicians from Nu Deco Ensemble

<sup>^</sup>2026 YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Classical Music Composition

## 2026 YoungArts Winners with Distinction in Classical Music

**Starla Breshears** | Violoncello  
Colburn Academy | Los Angeles, CA

**Valery Breshears** | Violin  
Colburn Academy | Los Angeles, CA

**Beckett Ceron** | Guitar  
The Seven Hills School | Cincinnati, OH

**Ellie Choi** | Flute  
Fort Lee High School | Fort Lee, NJ

**Dana Chung** | Viola  
Bergen County Academies | Hackensack, NJ

**Santiago Del Curto** | Clarinet  
Special Music School High School | New York, NY

**Anwen Deng** | Piano  
Conestoga High School | Berwyn, PA

**David Gatien** | Piano  
Online/Virtual School | Bellevue, WA

**Ethan Hsu** | Composition  
Harriton High School | Bryn Mawr, PA

**Khaos Kook** | Violin  
Lakeside School | Seattle, WA

**Charles Lee** | Violoncello  
Lakeside School | Seattle, WA

**Irene Lee** | Oboe  
The Spence School | New York, NY

**Madison Lee** | Violin  
Hunter College High School | New York, NY

**Ian Lin** | Piano  
Davidson Academy Online | Wakefield, RI

**Samuel Lu** | Piano  
Rowland Hall | Salt Lake City, UT

**Sonya Moomaw** | Violoncello  
School for Creative and Performing Arts | Cincinnati, OH

**Sunjoo Lucas Park** | Viola  
Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan | Old Tappan, NJ

**Daniel Qi** | Violin  
Archmere Academy | Claymont, DE

**Taige Wang** | Piano  
Professional Children's School | New York, NY

**Yoyo Wu** | Percussion  
Canyon Crest Academy | San Diego, CA

**Kyle Yeung** | Piano  
Pacific Academy Irvine | Irvine, CA

**Grace Yoon** | Bassoon  
Choate Rosemary Hall | Wallingford, CT

**Stephan Zhang** | Violin  
Stillwater High School | Stillwater, OK

## 2026 National YoungArts Week Guest Artists

**Chip Abbott** | Dance Coach

**Mariam Adam** | Classical Music Guest Artist

**Derrick Adams** | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist, YoungArts Trustee

**Tehillah Alphonso** | Voice Coach, 2015 & 2016 Voice

**Luciano Antonino** | Film Actor

**Marie Arago** | Photography National Selection Panel

**Leticia Bajuyo** | Visual Arts National Selection Panel Chair

**Kate Baker** | Voice National Selection Panel

**Germane Barnes** | Design National Selection Panel

**Willa Bennett** | Writing Guest Artist

**Jonathan Beyer** | Voice Guest Artist

**Iram Parveen Bilal** | Film National Selection Panel

**Deborah Birnbaum** | Voice Guest Artist

**Doug Blush** | Film Guest Artist, 1984 Film, YoungArts Trustee

**Jonathan Bowens** | Film Guest Artist (Crew)

**Camille A. Brown** | Florence Stern Dance Guest Artist, 1997 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

**Mahogany Browne** | Writing Guest Artist

**Daveed Buzaglo** | Voice Discipline Coordinator, 2012 Voice

**India Carney** | Voice National Selection Panel, 2011 Theater, Voice & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

**Dejha Carrington** | Curator

**Devin Caserta** | Visual Arts Discipline Coordinator, 2006 Visual Arts

**Marianela Castro** | Voice Accompanist

**Christopher Castellani** | Writing National Selection Panel Chair, 1990 & 1992 Writing

**Max Chernin** | Theater National Selection Panel, 2008 Theater

**Victoria Collado** | Writing Guest Artist

**Anthony Collins** | Film Guest Artist (Crew)

**Melissa Cullens** | Design National Selection Panel

**Tanya Darby** | Jazz National Selection Panel

**Priya Darshini** | Voice Guest Artist

**Marshall Davis Jr.** | Dance Coach

**Ana de Archuleta** | Voice Guest Artist

**Rick Delgado** | Film Guest Artist, 1992 Film

**Alaman Diadhiou** | Dance Guest Artist, 2016 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

**Isabella Dilla** | Film Actor

**Brandon Victor Dixon** | Theater Guest Artist, 1999 Theater

**Laura Donohue** | Voice Guest Artist

**Clinton Edward** | Dance Discipline Coordinator

**Brian Ellison** | Photography National Selection Panel

**Wayne Escoffery** | Jazz National Selection Panel

**Diana Eusebio** | Design Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Design & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

**Joe Farnsworth** | Jazz Guest Artist

**Annette Felder** | Design National Selection Panel

**Daniela Felder** | Design Guest Artist

**Rebecca Fisher** | Design Guest Artist

**Victor Giraldez** | Voice Accompanist

**Rudi Goblen** | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist

**Marjorie Grevious** | Curriculum Guest Artist

**Dave Guy** | Jazz Guest Artist

**Isaac Harlan** | Theater Accompanist

**H. Adam Harris** | Curriculum Guest Artist

**Rena Heinrich** | Theater National Selection Panel

**Anthony Hemingway** | Film Guest Artist

**Rosie Herrera** | Dance National Selection Panel Chair

**Reina Hidalgo** | Dance Coach

**MaryAnn Hu** | Theater National Selection Panel Chair

**McCleenty Hunter** | Jazz National Selection Panel

**Javon Jackson** | Jazz Guest Artist, 1983 Jazz

**Cat Jimenez** | Photography National Selection Panel Chair

**Christina Johnson** | Dance Coach

**Virginia Johnson** | Dance National Selection Panel

**Katherine Jolly** | Voice National Selection Panel

**Kanniks Kannikeswaran** | Voice Guest Artist  
**Vidita Kanniks** | Voice Coach  
**Mitch Kaplan** | Writing Guest Artist  
**Tommy Kha** | Photography National Selection Panel  
**Yashua Klos** | Visual Arts National Selection Panel  
**Autumn Knight** | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist  
**Jennifer Koh** | Classical Music Guest Artist, 1994 Classical Music & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts  
**Amanda Krische** | Curriculum Guest Artist, 2012 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts  
**Kari Landry** | Classical Music National Selection Panel  
**Pascal Le Boeuf** | Classical Music National Selection Panel Chair, 2004 Jazz  
**Quil Lemons** | Photography Guest Artist  
**Conway Liao** | Design Guest Artist  
**Esther Lin** | Writing National Selection Panel  
**Yvonne Lin** | Design National Selection Panel Chair  
**Miguel Luciano** | Visual Arts Guest Artist  
**Jeremy Manasia** | Jazz National Selection Panel Chair  
**Dr. Ron McCurdy** | Jazz Guest Artist  
**Michael McElroy** | Theater National Selection Panel, 1985 Theater, YoungArts Trustee  
**Alex Mediate** | Photography Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Photography  
**Hollis Meminger** | Film National Selection Panel Chair  
**Jessica Meyer** | Classical Music National Selection Panel  
**Aaron Miller** | Classical Music Discipline Coordinator, 1998 Classical Music  
**Andrea Mogck** | Anthropologie Design Guest Artist  
**Christopher K. Morgan** | Dance National Selection Panel  
**Dr. Joan Morgan** | Writing Guest Artist, YoungArts Trustee  
**Sam Moyer** | Visual Arts Guest Artist  
**Nicole Mujica** | Theater Discipline Coordinator  
**Raina Murnak** | Voice Guest Artist  
**Keshav Nelavai** | Voice Accompanist  
**Tracey Newsome** | Anthropologie Design Guest Artist  
**Brian Potts** | Dance Accompanist  
**Steve Prince** | Visual Arts National Selection Panel

**Marcus Quiniones** | Theater, Voice Coach  
**Marty Quinn** | Voice Accompanist  
**Noel Quiñones** | Writing Guest Artist  
**Christian Reátegui** | Jazz Discipline Coordinator  
**Jeremy Reger** | Voice Accompanist  
**Christell Roach** | Writing Discipline Coordinator, 2015 Writing  
**Aurora Robson** | Visual Arts Guest Artist  
**Ignacio Rosado** | Classical Music Arranger, 2025 Classical Music  
**Anastasia Samoylova** | Photography Guest Artist  
**Chris Sampson** | Voice National Selection Panel Chair  
**Reid Schlegel** | Design Guest Artist  
**Sasie Sealy** | Film National Selection Panel  
**Jean Shin** | Visual Arts Guest Artist, 1990 Winner in Theater & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, YoungArts Trustee  
**Franklin Sirmans** | Visual Arts Guest Artist  
**Jermaine Spivey** | Dance Coach, 1998 Dance  
**Lane Michael Stanley** | Writing National Selection Panel  
**Risa Steinberg** | Dance Coach  
**Daniel Strange** | Voice Accompanist  
**Grace Talusan** | Writing National Selection Panel  
**Rosanna Tavaréz** | Dance National Selection Panel  
**Norman Teague** | Design Guest Artist  
**Noelle Théard** | Photography Guest Artist  
**Dr. Nadhi Thekkekk** | Dance Coach  
**David Thomson** | Curriculum Guest Artist  
**Stewart Thorndike** | Film National Selection Panel  
**Cristy Trabada** | Film Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Film  
**Yara Travieso** | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist, 2005 Dance  
**Anna Tsouhlarakis** | Visual Arts National Selection Panel  
**Noriko Ueda** | Jazz Guest Artist  
**Guillermo Ursini** | Film Guest Artist (Crew)  
**Michael Benjamin Washington** | Film, Theater Guest Artist, 1997 Theater & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts  
**Kristina Wong** | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist

## Production Team

**Monica Soderman** | Stage Manager  
**Giancarlo Queirolo** | Head Production Manager  
**Alex Queirolo** | Production Manager

**Angie Queirolo** | Production Assistant  
**Eugene Young** | Production Assistant  
**Carla Hill** | Voice of Goddess

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