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# SummerArts Concerto Winners

with

American West Symphony

Joel Rosenberg, conductor

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Libby Gardner Concert Hall

Virtual Venue: <https://music.utah.edu/libby-live/index.php>

7:30 p.m

## Program

*Please hold applause until the end of each selection and  
turn off all electronic devices that could disrupt the concert.*

Song Without Words	Arne Oldberg (1874-1962)
Yanqi Wang	
Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major, K. 459 <i>I. Allegro</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Natalie Sun	
Piano Concerto No. 17 in G Major, K. 453 <i>I. Allegro</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Annie Jia	
Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Minor, BWV 1056 <i>I.</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Andy Hu	
Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15 <i>I. Allegro con brio</i>	Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Kourtney Jia	
Little Concerto in C Major <i>I.</i>	Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Sophia Borup	
Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major, K. 503 <i>I. Allegro maestoso</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Jasmine He	
Piano Concert No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15 <i>I. Allegro con brio</i>	Ludwig van Beethoven
Emily Yang	

## American West Symphony Personnel

### **1st Violin**

Cory Johnson\*  
Lauren Flygare  
Barry Franson  
Melissa Martinez  
Jacque Jones  
Carl Maltz  
Blair Bateman  
Marcel Bowman

### **2nd Violin**

Kelly Richardson\*\*  
Julie Miller  
Robyn Amaral  
Carrie Howel  
Annette Brinton  
Patrice Kimball

### **Viola**

Barbara Richardson\*\*  
Coralee Karmazyn  
Brian Salisbury  
Janae Shafer  
Pam Cassidy  
Meredith McCombs

### **Cello**

Eric Bowden\*\*  
June Christensen  
Lisa Hammond  
Caroleen Johnson  
Elizabeth O'Brien  
Caron Curfew

### **Bass**

Kevin Rowe\*\*

### **Flute**

Tia Jaynes\*\*  
Barbara Croft  
Kathy Larson

### **Piccolo**

Kathy Larson

### **Oboe/English Horn**

Jennifer Newman\*\*  
Sara Chatelain

### **Clarinet**

Paula Sanders\*\*  
Scott Harris  
Dixie Sampson

### **Bassoon**

Barbara Pytlewski\*\*  
Richard Chatelain

### **Horn**

Michael Packham\*\*  
Joey Tolen  
Robert Cameron  
Erin Atwood  
Sean Raleigh

### **Trumpet**

Wally Lee\*\*  
Spencer Shumway\*\*  
Tom Jackson

### **Timpani**

Johannes Bowman

### **Personnel Manager**

Lisa Hammond

### **Librarian**

Eric Bowden

\*Concertmaster

\*\*Principal/Co-Principal

## Joel Rosenberg, conductor



Joel Rosenberg is the Music Director of the American West Symphony, Paradigm Chamber Orchestra, and Utah's Amazing Earthfest. He is a recipient of the 2023 Governor's Mansion Award in the Arts. The Salt Lake Tribune chose his conducting of Bizet's *Carmen* as one of the "Ten Best Performances of the Year." He has performed, and recorded for Albany Records, the William Wallace Concertino for Viola with the Slovak Radio Orchestra in a concert sponsored by the US Embassy in Bratislava. Two recent recordings are, "Music for Viola and Piano" with pianist Jed Moss includes sonatas of Schubert, Bach and Bloch and, "Joel Rosenberg plays Bach," music from the unaccompanied cello suites and sonatas and partitas for solo violin.

Joel is a graduate of Juilliard in New York City, and a recipient of a Fulbright Grant to Rome, Italy. While in Italy he received a Diploma of Merit, from the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena. He is also a recipient of an Individual Artist Award from the State of Utah.

He recently performed three concerts in Vienna and conducted the Elbland Philharmonic in Riesa, Meissen and Pirna Germany in music of Beethoven, Copland, Dvorak and Kelly Richardson. While in Germany he performed in a chamber music concert with the principal players of the Elbland Philharmonic.

The New Zealand Herald reviewing his performance of "Madam Butterfly" wrote, "Much of the success of this production lies at the hands of Joel Rosenberg who as music director had the Auckland Philharmonia in the right form to carry the whole along at the right pace and sensitivity." The Portland Oregonian reviewing his conducting of the "Nutcracker" with Ballet West said, "Mr. Rosenberg proved to be an expert ballet conductor."

Joel Rosenberg has conducted the Elizabethan Philharmonic and Orchestra of Victoria with the Australian Ballet at the Sydney Opera House, in Melbourne and Canberra, The Orchestra of the Conservatory Santa Cecilia in Rome, Italy, New Mexico Symphony, Grand Teton Music Festival, The Utah Oratorio Society, Auckland Philharmonia, Erik Hawkins Dance Company, San Francisco Ballet, National Orchestra of South Africa with PACT Ballet in Pretoria and Johannesburg, Utah, Phoenix and Portland Symphonies with Ballet West, a tour of Japan for Sony with soloists from the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden and performances with Pianist Leon Fleisher.

He has performed as principal viola under Pierre Boulez and has been a guest violist with the DaVinci String Quartet, the Brigham Young University String Quartet and Piano Quartet, the University of Utah Woodwind Quintet and the Salt Lake Chamber Music Society. The Oregon Symphony invited him to join them for a recording and performances of music of Eric Korngold.



Yanqi Wang is pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree in Piano Performance at the University of Utah, study under the guidance of Dr. Ning Lu. She was the first prize of 2023 Summer Arts Competition Young Artist Division Piano Solo, Concerto and Arne Oldberg; 2021-2022 MTNA-Stecher and Horowitz Two-Piano

Competition; Third prize of UMTA State Piano Concerto Competition; honorable mention in 2017 YAMAHA national piano competition and KAWAI Asia Piano Competition, Junior Professional. As a collaborative pianist and chamber musician, she was invited to the Saarbürg Chamber Music Festival in 2017 and has been a piano accompanist with the Salt Lake Chinese Choir since 2018, University of Utah Chamber Choir and A Capella Choir since 2022.



Natalie Sun is a 2nd grader, and she started piano at age 4. Natalie has been a First Prize winner at numerous piano competitions, including 2023 Salt Lake piano competition age 7-10 romantic, 2023 Ogden Piano Festival Concerto Competition and solo competition Elementary group, Concerto competition (age 7-14) at the 2023 Helen Taylor Johannesen International Piano Festival, young elementary concerto competition at the 2023 Summer Arts piano competition at the University of Utah.

Natalie has performed with American West Symphony and Chamber Orchestra in 2023. Natalie loves animals, and she wants to be a veterinarian and a concert pianist in the future.



Annie Jia (10) is a student pianist under the guidance of Professor Jie Lu. In 2023, Annie achieved notable success by winning second place in the Elementary Division at the UMTA Piano Concerto Competition, second place in the Young Elementary Concerto Division of the University of Utah SummerArts Piano Competition, first place in the Concerto Division of the Salt Lake Piano Competition and first prize in the Elementary Division at the American Mountain West International piano competition. She also

won second place in the Young Elementary Solo Division of the 2022 University of Utah SummerArts Piano Competition. Annie is also an artist, swimmer, climber and nature enthusiast. Together with her sister Kourtney, Annie likes to visit a senior center to share the gift of music, bringing happiness and love to those in the community.



Andy Hu, who is currently 11 years old, actively participates in various sports such as basketball, swimming, and table tennis. He takes pride in being bilingual, fluent in both English and Chinese. At the age of 10, Andy achieved recognition, winning the third prize in the 2023 Helen Taylor Johannesen International Piano Competition and receiving an honorable mention in the American Mountain West International Piano Competition (AMWI). Andy has dedicated the past 5 years to cultivating his piano skills.



Kourtney Jia (13) is a student pianist who is currently studying with Professor Jie Lu. Kourtney loves music and her recent accomplishments include winning second place in the Elementary Concerto Division of the 2023 University of Utah SummerArts Piano Competition and second place in the Concerto Division of the 2023 Salt Lake Piano Competition. After winning third place in the Junior Division of the 2023 Ogden Concerto Competition, Kourtney performed as a soloist with the Chamber Orchestra Ogden at the Ogden's Prodigy Concert. She also won third place in the Elementary Senior Division of the 2022 Weber State University Piano Festival. In addition, Kourtney is in the orchestra at West High School as a first violin and goes to a senior center to share music, joy, and love.



Sophia Borup is 11 years old and goes to Wasatch Charter school. She started taking piano lessons at age five at the University of Utah Preparatory Division, and has loved it ever since. Her current teacher is Kimi Kawashima. Sophia is in 6th grade and when she's not practicing, she likes to swim, and spend time with her cat, Silky. She also enjoys reading, knitting, sewing and writing stories.



Emily Yang, age 13, started playing the piano at 5. Currently in 8th grade at Wasatch Junior High, Emily has won numerous piano competitions, including SCMTA 2022, Asheville Piano Competition in 2021, and Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition in 2018. She has gotten 3rd place in SummerArts Solo in 2022 and 3rd place in SummerArts Concerto in 2023. Besides music, Emily practices Tae Kwon Do and enjoys drawing and reading.



Jasmine He was born in St. Louis, lived in China for a bit, and moved to Sandy at two years old. She started learning piano at 6 years old, and has been playing for almost 10 years now. Recently, she placed second in the 2023 Summer Arts Concerto competition.

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