

# 2023 Helen Taylor Johannessen International Piano Competition Concerto Winners

Paradigm Chamber Orchestra Joel Rosenberg, conductor

Friday, September 1, 2023 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.

Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055 Johann Sebastian Bach
I. Allegro (1685-1750)
Frederick Pau

Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056 Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro moderato

Abigail Yang

Concerto in D Major, Hob. XVIII:11 Franz Joseph Haydn

I. Vivace (1732-1809)

Forest Young

Concerto in F Major, K. 459 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

III. Allegro assai (1756-1797)

Maxwell Ji

Concerto in D Minor, BWV 1052 Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro

Annie Lin

Intermission

Concerto in F Major, K. 459 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro

Natalie Sun

Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056 Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Allegro moderato

Andy Hu

Concerto in C Major, K. 246 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

III. Rondeau, Tempo di Menuetto

Crystal Jiang

Concerto in D Minor, K. 466 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

I. Allegro

Olivia Jiang

#### Paradigm Chamber Orchestra Personnel

1st Violin

Cory Johnson Kelly Richardson Barry Franson

Melissa Martinez

2nd Violin

Lauren Flygare Jacque Jones

Savanna Seaman Trent Rolf

Viola

Barbara Richardson Coralee Karmazyn Brian Salisbury

Cello

Eric Bowden Lisa Hammond Elizabeth O'Brien

Bass

Jim Thompson

Flute

Tia Jaynes

Personnel Manager Lisa Hammond

Librarian

Eric Bowden

Oboe

Jennifer Newman Yolane Rodriguez

Bassoon

Barbara Pytlewski Andrew Apgood

Horn

Mike Packham Robert Cameron

Trumpet

Tom Jackson Spencer Shumway

Timpani

Andrew Summerhays

### 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 2023 recipient of the Utah 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.



Frederick Pau is a 7th grader at West High. He was born in Oakland, California (in the same hospital as Kamala Harris). Frederick developed his passion for piano with Huan Che in Riverside, CA. His favorite composer is Mozart. He is a big fan of heirloom tomatoes and sourdough bread.



Abigail Yang starts her piano journey at the age of 5. Currently in the 4th grade at Morningside Elementary, she actively participates in a range of activities, including swimming, ballet, and Tae Kwon Do. She also loves playing piano at the nursing home.



Forest is a freshman this fall at Skyline High School. His piano journey started at 4 years of age. After nearly 10 years of study, he has been winning awards in many local competitions. Recent awards include 2nd place of Junior division in 2023 Helen Tayler Johannesen International Piano Competition, 3rd place of Junior division in SummerArt Piano Competition, and UMTA Concerto Competitions.

Aside from music, he loves math and computer science. He won the AMC8 championship of Utah last year. Fluent in four languages, he also enjoys outdoor sports.



Maxwell Ji, age 8, is a 3rd grader in Challenger School. He has been playing piano since five. Maxwell won the first prizes for several piano competitions including the University of Utah SummerArts Piano Solo Competition (2021, 2022, 2023) and Concerto Competition (2022), UMTA Piano Concerto Competition (2021, 2022), Ogden Piano Festival Concerto Competition (2022), Salt Lake Piano Competition (2023), and the Helen Taylor Johannesen International

Piano Festival Solo Competition (2023). In 2022, he performed with American West Symphony and with American Fork Symphony for the Salute to Youth Concert. Besides piano, Maxwell loves swimming, chess, and playing Lego with his brothers.



I am 14 years old and I started piano at the age of 4. In addition, I play violin in the Utah Youth Symphony Orchestra and lately began learning flute and piccolo. In my free time, I enjoy drawing, reading, writing stories, dancing, baking, and playing badminton.



Natalie Sun is a 2nd grader, she started piano at age 4. Natalie has been a prize winner at numerous piano competitions, including first prize in concerto competition at the 2023 Helen Taylor Johannesen international piano festival, and first prize in young elementary concerto competition at the 2023 summer arts piano competition at the University of Utah.



My name is Andy Hu, and I am currently 10 years old. My hobbies revolve around swimming, basketball and table tennis. However, my main passions lie in playing the piano and exploring mathematics. I am proud to be bilingual in Mandarin and English. I have been cultivating my piano skills for the past 4 years.



Crystal Jiang, a 5th grader from Whittier Elementary School, started playing piano when she was 5. She has placed 3rd in SummerArts Piano Solo competition, honorable mention in the Helen Tayler Johannesen International Piano Festival and Competition, and 3rd UMTA piano concerto competition in 2023. She has performed with American West Symphony in 2022 and is excited to perform with Festival Orchestra in Libby Gardner Concert Hall tonight. Aside from music, Crystal also likes reading, cooking, art, and sports.



Olivia Jiang is a freshman at West High School. She has performed as a soloist with a live orchestra multiple times and has volunteered as a performer at senior centers for over five years. She most recently won 2nd place in the 2023 American Mountain West International Piano Competition, 3rd place in the 2023 Helen Taylor Johannsen International Piano Competition, 2nd place in the 2023 UMTA state Piano Concerto Competition, and 2nd place in the 2022 UMTA/ MTNA Piano Performance Competition. Aside from music, Olivia also enjoys math, tennis, art, and chess.

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