

The Juilliard School  
presents

## **Juilliard Pre-College String Orchestra**

**Nico Olarte-Hayes**, Conductor

**Elizabeth Juhae (Poppy) Song**, Violin

**Saturday, May 13, 2023, 4:30pm**

**Paul Hall**

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

(1756-91)

*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, K. 525

Allegro

Romance: Andante

Menuetto: Allegretto

Rondo: Allegro

ANTON ARENSKY

(1861-1906)

*Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky*, Op. 35a

Theme: Moderato

Un poco piu mosso

Allegro non troppo

Andantino tranquillo

Vivace

Andante

Allegro con spirito

Andante con moto

Coda: Moderato

*Intermission*

JOSEPH BOLOGNE, CHEVALIER DE SAINT-GEORGES

(1745-99)

Violin Concerto in A Major, Op. 5, No. 2

Allegro moderato

Largo

Rondeau

**Elizabeth Juhae (Poppy) Song**, Violin

CLARICE ASSAD

(b. 1978)

*Suite for Lower Strings*

Performance time: approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes, including an intermission

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## **Pre-College String Orchestra**

**Nico Olarte-Hayes**, *Conductor*

### **Violin**

Audrey Ang  
Valentina Chen  
Semin Chun  
Ryan Chung  
Chanhee Jin  
Laura Jin  
Jayden King  
Gloria So One Kwon  
Claire Lee  
*Julie Minn*  
Kye Richardson  
Kate Takemoto  
*Jessica Wu*  
William Yeh

### **Viola**

Yutong-Dorothy Chen  
Ian Gavilan  
Cristal SooJong Kim  
*Amelia Krinke*  
Lucas Park

### **Cello**

*Christy Choi*  
Aurelia Faidley-Solars  
Larissa Lakner  
Oliver Mar  
Emily Sun  
Zidong Wang

### **Double Bass**

Noah Lenferna de la Motte  
*Michaella Tufariello*  
Norman Yao

### **Orchestra Librarians**

Elaine Li, *Principal Librarian*  
Jingrui Liu

### **Orchestra Operations**

Chandler Currier  
Will Hopkins  
Boldizsár Kovács  
Theo Swanson

*Italicized names indicate orchestra mentors from Juilliard's College Division.*

## **Pre-College String Orchestra**

With an average age of just over 12, the Juilliard Pre-College String Orchestra rehearses weekly and presents two concerts each season: a full symphony orchestra program in the fall semester and a strings-only program in the spring. As the youngest Pre-College ensemble, the string orchestra is part of an orchestral training program that strives to prepare its members for the rigorous demands and expectations of conservatory and college orchestras. The Pre-College orchestras draw upon the significant resource of the College Division's students by employing them as mentors to work alongside the Pre-College students. The repertoire is guided by a progressive curriculum beginning with the string orchestra and continuing through the symphony and orchestra, ensuring that all students have exposure to works from varied composers, musical styles, and genres. String orchestra concerts feature a concerto, providing an important opportunity to a student soloist, many of whom go on to important careers, including Han-Na Chang, Pamela Frank, Gil Shaham, Joseph Lin, Yo-Yo Ma, Jon Manasse, Roberto Minczuk, Conrad Tao, and Joyce Yang. This season, the Pre-College String Orchestra is conducted by Nico Olarte-Hayes.

## **About the Artists**

### **Nico Olarte-Hayes**

Recipient of the 2016-18 Leonore Annenberg Arts Fellowship, cellist and conductor Nico Olarte-Hayes (Pre-College '07, cello) has given solo recitals at Lincoln Center and Neue Galerie, in Memphis' Artists Ascending Series and New York's Young Musician's Forum, and throughout the Netherlands and Japan. He has played on *Live From Lincoln Center* (PBS) and the *Kennedy Center Honors* (CBS) in tribute to violinist Itzhak Perlman, a longtime mentor, and has collaborated frequently with Perlman, notably at the grand opening of the Kennedy Center's Family Theater. Other collaborations include performances with mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves at Zankel Hall, pianist Christopher O'Riley in Boston's Jordan Hall, and violinist Ryu Goto in sold-out tours of Japan and the U.S., broadcast on PBS, NPR, and Fuji TV, respectively. Olarte-Hayes won the Vincent C. LaGuardia Conducting Competition and was music director of New York's IconoClassic Opera and Harvard's Dunster House Opera, leading fully staged productions of Massenet's *Werther* and Britten's *Albert Herring*. He has led the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Sofia Festival Orchestra, Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic, Savaria Symphony Orchestra, Camerata Antonio Soler, and Salzburg Chamber Soloists in numerous international workshops, including the Tanglewood Festival Conducting Seminar. He also led the New World Symphony in a workshop with music director Michael Tilson Thomas and was cover conductor for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Olarte-Hayes, who was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, began his musical studies with his mother at age 3. He studied at Juilliard Pre-College under cellists David Soyer and Harvey Shapiro and studied for eight

years at the Perlman Music Program under Ronald Leonard. He graduated with honors from the Harvard/NEC Joint Program, simultaneously earning a bachelor's in physics from Harvard College, where he studied music with Robert Levin, and a master's from the New England Conservatory, where he studied with Laurence Lesser. Olarte-Hayes lives in New York, where he is on the faculty of the Perlman Music Program.

### **Elizabeth Juhae (Poppy) Song**

Elizabeth Juhae (Poppy) Song, who started at Juilliard Pre-College in 2019, studies with Masao Kawasaki. Previously, she was a student of I Hao Lee and Jiwon Kim. Song made her orchestra debut in March with Grammy-winning conductor Michael Repper and the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, performing concerts in Easton and Berlin, Maryland, as well as Rohoboth, Delaware. She served as the North Jersey Regions Middle School Orchestra concertmaster this year and was named laureate of the Chicago International Violin Competition in 2022. This summer, Song is looking forward to attending the Morningside Music Bridge, a full-scholarship program at the New England Conservatory of Music. She also likes to participate in school clubs and activities, swim, and play soccer with her friends on the Vikings FC travel soccer team.

### **About Juilliard's Preparatory Division**

The Juilliard Preparatory Division comprises two Saturday music programs for intermediate to advanced students ages 8-18: the Pre-College and the Music Advancement Program. The Preparatory Division is led by Dean and Director Weston Sprott.

#### **Pre-College**

One of the foremost music preparatory programs in the world, the Pre-College, offers a comprehensive conservatory-style music program for students who exhibit the talent, potential, and ambition to pursue music study at the college level. The selective program includes instruction in a chosen major, academic study of music, and solo and ensemble performances. Recognizing the importance of early development and discipline in the music field, the program provides a caring, collaborative, and challenging atmosphere where artistic gifts and technical skills can flourish. Approximately 300 students are enrolled in Pre-College.

#### **Music Advancement Program**

The Music Advancement Program (MAP) is a Saturday program for intermediate and advanced music students from New York City's five boroughs and the tristate area who demonstrate a commitment to artistic excellence. The program actively seeks students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in the classical music field and is committed to enrolling the most talented and deserving students regardless of their financial background. Through a rigorous curriculum, performance opportunities, and guidance from an accomplished faculty, MAP students gain the necessary skills to pursue advanced music studies while developing their talents as artists, leaders, and global citizens. Approximately 70 students are enrolled in MAP, which is led by Artistic Director Anthony McGill. MAP is generously supported through an endowed gift in memory of Carl K. Heyman.

#### **Juilliard Pre-College Administration**

**Weston Sprott**, *Dean and Director of the Preparatory Division*

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**Anna Royzman**, *Director of Performance Activities*

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**Ian Harvey**, *Admissions and Academic Affairs Coordinator*

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