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# Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra



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The Juilliard School  
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# Pre-College Orchestra

Xian Zhang, Conductor  
Chengyao Zhou, Piano

Saturday, May 24, 2025, 1pm  
Peter Jay Sharp Theater

GABRIELA ORTIZ  
(b. 1964)

*Kauyumari*

MAURICE RAVEL  
(1875-1937)

Piano Concerto in G Major  
Allegrement  
Adagio assai  
Presto  
Chengyao Zhou, Piano

*Intermission*

NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV  
(1844-1908)

*Scheherazade*, Symphonic Suite, Op. 35  
Largo e maestoso—Allegro non troppo  
Lento—Andantino  
Andantino quasi allegretto  
Allegro molto

*Performance time: approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes, including an intermission*

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### Xian Zhang

2024-25 marks the Grammy- and Emmy-winning conductor Xian Zhang's ninth season as music director of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. She holds the position of conductor emeritus of Orchestra Sinfonica di Milano and was recently announced as the next music director of the Seattle Symphony starting next season. Zhang returned to the Metropolitan Opera this season to conduct David McVicar's production of *Tosca*, following her hugely successful debut last season with *Madama Butterfly*. She is in high demand as a guest conductor, appearing regularly with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Los Angeles Philharmonic. Her Deutsche Grammophon recording with Philadelphia Orchestra and Time for Three, *Letters for the Future* (released in 2022), won multiple Grammy awards in 2023. Zhang also returned to the Boston Symphony Orchestra earlier this season, having previously conducted the ensemble to Tanglewood. A much-loved guest of the Orchestra of St Luke's, Zhang regularly appears with the orchestra at Caramoor and also stepped in to conduct the Brahms Requiem at Carnegie Hall last year. Her inspiring work with young musicians led to numerous collaborations with the orchestras of Juilliard, which awarded her an honorary doctorate in 2023. Zhang also enjoys good relationships with Aspen Festival, New World Symphony, and the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara. Zhang previously served as principal guest conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, the first female conductor to hold a titled role with a BBC orchestra. In 2002, she won first prize in the Maazel-Vilar Conductor's Competition. She was appointed New York Philharmonic's assistant conductor in 2002, subsequently becoming its associate conductor and the first holder of the Arturo Toscanini Chair.



### Chengyao Zhou

Chengyao Zhou, who was born in China, was admitted to Juilliard Pre-College to study with Ernest Barretta as a piano major at age 11. Zhou won the grand prize at the Grand Metropolitan International Piano Competition in 2019 and first prize at the Fifth Manhattan International Music Competition in 2020, both culminating in performances at Carnegie Hall. At Pre-College, she won the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 and Bachauer Piano Scholarship competition and was named alternate at the Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 3 and Rachmaninoff *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* competitions. She recently won third prize and best performance of a commission by Lera Auerbach as the youngest participant in the Hastings International Piano Concerto Competition. Zhou has performed with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Southbank Sinfonia, among other ensembles.

# Pre-College Orchestra

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The Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra is one of the Pre-College program's three age-based orchestras. With an average age of just over 17, the Orchestra rehearses weekly and presents three concerts each season. As a leading youth orchestra training program, the Pre-College strives to prepare its members for the rigorous demands and expectations of conservatory and college orchestral programs by offering workshops and readings led by renowned guest conductors and prominent professional orchestral musicians. 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 youngest, the String Orchestra, and continuing through the Symphony and Orchestra, ensuring that all students have exposure to works from a diverse and inclusive array of composers. Nearly every orchestra concert features a concerto, providing an important opportunity to a student soloist, many of whom go on to illustrious careers. Past soloists include Han-Na Chang, Pamela Frank, Gil Shaham, Joseph Lin, Yo-Yo Ma, Jon Manasse, Roberto Minczuk, Conrad Tao, and Joyce Yang. In the 2024-25 season, the Pre-College Orchestra is led by music director Adam Glaser, Ricardo Ferro, and guest conductor Xian Zhang. Recent guest conductors include Earl Lee and David Robertson.

# Pre-College Orchestra

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Xian Zhang, *Conductor*

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Chelsea Park

Daniel Yoo

## English Horn

Hannah Chang

Kyle Cho

Daniel Yoo

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Lincoln Feng

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Christian Yoo

## Bassoon

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# Pre-College Orchestra

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

## Pre-College

Juilliard Pre-College offers a comprehensive conservatory-style music program for advanced students of elementary through high-school age from countries around the world who exhibit the talent, potential, and ambition to pursue serious music study at the college level. The program is held on Saturdays from September through May at Juilliard's New York campus. Students work with world-class faculty to hone technical proficiency while fostering creativity and curiosity. Faculty members are distinguished artist-teachers, many of whom are on the Juilliard college faculty as well. Full- and partial-tuition scholarships are available for eligible students.

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Juilliard's Music Advancement Program (MAP) is a tuition-free Saturday program that creates pathways and increases access to classical music education for intermediate to advanced young musicians from New York City's five boroughs and the tristate area. MAP provides students with the skills, resources, and support to shape their unique artistic journey through high-quality musical training, fun, and the celebration of all identities. Through a rigorous curriculum, performance opportunities, and guidance from an accomplished faculty, MAP students develop the tools to fulfill their potential as artists, leaders, and global citizens. MAP is led by Artistic Director Anthony McGill and is generously supported through an endowed gift in memory of Carl K. Heyman.

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