

Biographies

Elena Ariza is a cellist based in New York City, currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School. She previously received her Masters of Music at Juilliard and her Bachelor of Arts at Columbia University majoring in computer science, as part of its exchange program with Juilliard. Most recently, Elena won 1st prize at the 2022 Gustav Mahler Prize Cello Competition, 1st prize at the 2022 Philharmonic Society of Arlington Young Artist Competition, and was a finalist in both the 2021 and 2019 Juilliard Concerto Competition.

As a former principal cellist of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra (SFSYO), Elena performed as soloist at Davies Symphony Hall with the SFSYO and was also featured on NPR's From the Top in 2015. She was invited to perform as part of the New World Symphony on one of its season concerts, under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas in 2017.

At Juilliard, Elena is currently studying under the tutelage of Astrid Schween and Joel Krosnick. Her former teachers and mentors include Richard Aaron, Ronald Leonard, Eric Sung, and Sieun Lin.

Kwiyoum "Kim" Lee is a staff pianist for the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College division. Kim has been a staff pianist for the US International Music Competition, US Open Music Competition, Mondavi Center's Young Artists Competition, and Seoul Chamber Orchestra Summer Festival. She also owns a classical music recording studio, "Stage98," located in the Bay Area. Ms. Kim holds a B.A. and M.A. in piano performance from Seoul National University (SNU), where she graduated with distinction.

Yujin Ariza, violinist, former concertmaster of SFSYO and a winner of the National Young Arts Foundation in 2013, toured Europe as a guest soloist with the El Camino Youth Symphony (currently known as GSYO) in the summer of 2013. He performed the Sibelius Violin Concerto at the Dvorak Hall of Rudolfinum in Prague, Grosse Saal of the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Slovak Radio Hall in Bratislava, and the Bela Bartok National Concert Hall in Budapest. He also performed a solo recital in Prague. Yujin had performed in the U.S., Canada, Poland, Austria, Italy, Japan, and Germany, including at the Berliner Philharmonie Concert Hall. He received his Masters of Music from The Juilliard School in violin performance, and a Bachelor of Arts at Columbia University majoring in computer science, as part of the Columbia-Juilliard Exchange Program. After receiving a Master's degree from the Entertainment Technology Center of Carnegie Mellon University, Yujin currently works for an AR/VR team at Apple Inc. He performs and teaches violin on weekends.

Joshua Cisneros, 16, a home-schooled junior, began playing violin at age 5. He studies with Elbert Tsai and is the concertmaster of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra (PYO). In 2022, he won first prize at USOMC, the Silicon Valley Competition, and the International Youth Music Competition. He has been selected for the Junior Bach Festival for the past four consecutive years and has also won prizes in the KAMSA and ENKOR competitions. He has studied piano for the past four years, loves to sing bass, and has participated in the C'est Bon Chamber Music Festival, the PYO Summer Camp, Greenwood Music Camp, and the Summer Music Institute at Tateuchi Hall. In 2021, he served as co-concertmaster of the Interlochen Arts Camp. This summer, Joshua participated in the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, where he played as Principal Second Violin. He has taken masterclasses from Midori, Richard Lin, and Jorja Fleezanis. He has played in a string quartet in the Young Chamber Musicians Program since 2021.

Wyeth Minami, 16, began his musical journey with piano, choosing viola as his main instrument 9 years ago. He currently studies with Jessica Chang. An avid chamber musician, Wyeth has been a member of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) since 4th grade. He also performs in a string quartet as part of the Young Chamber Musicians (YCM) program. Wyeth has been awarded high honors in local music competitions, including winning the PACO concerto competition twice. He was awarded 1st place in the 2019 USIMC and 2020 PVMC, and 1st place alternate in the MTAC VOCE Santa Clara Branch competition and finalist in the NCVS Young Violists Competition in 2021. In 2022, he was awarded 3rd place in the KAMSA competition. Most recently, he performed in a masterclass with SF Symphony principal violist, Jonathan Vinocour. Wyeth enjoys coaching younger chamber groups in PACO.

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CHARITY CELLO RECITAL

BY ELENA ARIZA



AUGUST 21, 2022

SUNDAY, 2 PM

Mountain View Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Bible Verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." - Matthew 5:9

Opening Prayer: "Peace" by Senior Pastor, Kurt Oseña.

Peace for Ukraine Charity Cello Recital
(see program on the right)

Concluding:

Message from Ukraine: ADRA video

Closing Prayer: by Associate Pastor, Joel Miller.

Announcements: Jeff Cisneros.

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Program



Melody

S. Kanneh-Mason 3'

Elena Ariza, cello

Elegy for Cello and Piano, Op. 39 

M. Lysenko 5'

3 Pieces for Cello and Piano

N. Boulanger 5'

No.1 Modéré

No.2 Sans vitesse et a l'aise

No.3 Vite et nerveusement rythmé

Etude Op. 25 No. 7 "Cello"

F. Chopin 6'
arr. A. Glazunov

Sonata for Cello and Piano in A minor, Op. 36

E. Grieg 28'

I. Allegro agitato

II. Andante molto tranquillo

III. Allegro molto e marcato

Elena Ariza, cello

Kim Lee, piano

String Quartet No. 1, Op. 11 

P. I. Tchaikovsky 7'

II. Andante cantabile

Yujin Ariza, Joshua Cisneros, violins

Wyeth Minami, viola

Elena Ariza, cello