

Nicole Lam

Orchestral Conductor, Music Director, Pianist, Vocalist

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EDUCATION

Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2024-2025)

M.S. Computer Science

Yale University, Department of Applied Science and Engineering (2021-2024), *cum laude*

B.S. Applied Mathematics (concentration in Statistics and Data Science) *with distinction*

B.S. Computer Science *with distinction*

TRAINING

Professor William Boughton	Conducting, <i>Yale School of Music</i>	January 2023 - present
Joel Fram	Musical Direction, <i>Yale College</i>	January 2025 - present
Professor Elizabeth Parisot	Piano, <i>Yale School of Music</i>	September 2021 - present
Lilit Babayan	Piano, <i>Moscow Music School Los Angeles</i>	May 2016 - May 2021
Heather Botts	Voice, <i>Yale College (via Yale Shen Curriculum)</i>	January 2025 - present
Gene Stenger	Voice, <i>Yale College (via Yale Schola Cantorum)</i>	October 2022 - May 2023
Leah Brzyski	Voice, <i>Yale College (via Yale Glee Club)</i>	October 2021 - May 2022

CONDUCTING PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Yale Symphony Orchestra Senior Commencement Concert at Battell Chapel	May 16, 2025
- Weber: <i>Oberon</i> Overture	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>The Light Within</i> at Woolsey Hall	April 27, 2025
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5	
- Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 "New World" Movement 2	
Yale Symphony Orchestra Farewell Concert at Woolsey Hall	April 23, 2025
- Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (IV. Holy Dance)	
- Schubert: <i>An Die Musik</i> for orchestra and girls choir	
Uncharted Senior Recital at Blocker Orchestra Hall	April 11, 2025
- Stravinsky: <i>Pulcinella</i>	
- Gershwin: <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> (piano solo and conducting)	
Yale Symphony Orchestra Spring Tour at Thessaloniki Megaron-Riadis Hall, Greece	March 20, 2025
- Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (II. Waltz)	
- Encore: Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (III. Tap)	
Yale Symphony Orchestra Spring Tour at Volos Municipality Theatre, Greece	March 17, 2025
- Theofanidis: <i>Rainbow Serpent</i>	

Yale Symphony Orchestra Spring Tour at Giannitsa Cultural Centre - Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (II. Waltz) - Encore: Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (III. Tap)	March 15, 2025
Yale Symphony Orchestra Spring Tour at Thessaloniki Megaron-Riadis Hall, Greece - Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (II. Waltz) - Encore: Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (III. Tap)	March 13, 2025
Yale Symphony Orchestra Spring Tour at Skopje Philharmonia, North Macedonia - Encore: Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (III. Tap)	March 11, 2025
Yale Symphony Orchestra: <i>Sublime</i> at Woolsey Hall - Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (II. Waltz)	March 7, 2025
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Royal Rhapsodies</i> at Battell Chapel - Borodin: Prince Igor Overture - Goldmark: <i>Sakuntala</i> Op. 13	February 15, 2025
Yale Concert Band: <i>Spring Concert</i> at Woolsey Hall <i>Guest Conductor on 48-hour notice</i> - Percy Grainger: Handel on the Strand - Elgar: Enigma Variations	February 14, 2025
Yale Symphony Orchestra: <i>Fantasy</i> at Woolsey Hall - Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (III. Tap) - Copland: Fanfare for Common Man	November 16, 2024
<i>Into The Woods</i> at the University Theatre	November 13 - 16, 2024
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Tides of Time</i> at Battell Chapel - Niels Gade: <i>Echoes of Ossian</i> Overture - Ethel Smyth: <i>Wreckers</i> Overture - Tchaikovsky: <i>Marche Slave</i>	November 10, 2024
Yale Symphony Orchestra: <i>Annual Halloween Show</i> at Woolsey Hall Excerpts from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (Mov. 3) - Bernard Rands: Symphonic Fantasy in one movement - Elgar: Enigma Variations “Nimrod” - Holst: Planets “Saturn” - John Williams: <i>Star Wars</i> (Main Title) - Korngold: <i>Sea Hawk</i> Overture - Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in Eb - Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 (Mov. 1, 2) - Respighi: Pines of Rome (IV. Pines of the Appian Way) - Rimsky-Korsakov: <i>Scheherazade</i> - Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5 (Mov. 2) - Strauss: <i>Also Sprach Zarathustra</i> 	October 31, 2024

Yale Symphony Orchestra: <i>Dance and Defiance</i> at Woolsey Hall	September 29, 2024
- Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances (I. Ring Shout)	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Fortissimo</i> , Family Weekend Concert at Battell Chapel	September 29, 2024
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in c minor	
- Tchaikovsky: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Fantasy-Overture	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Unfinished Beginnings</i> at United Church on the Green	April 21, 2024
- Schubert: Unfinished Symphony No. 8	
- Kalinnikov: Symphony No. 1 in g minor	
<i>West Side Story</i> at the Crescent Theatre	April 18 - 20, 2024
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Pas De Deux Harmonic Motion</i> at Battell Chapel	February 18, 2024
- Franz Schubert: <i>Rosamunde</i> Overture	
- Tcherenpin: Prélude to <i>La Princesse Lointaine</i>	
- Gounod: <i>Faust</i> Ballet Suite (with the Yale Ballet Company)	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Echoes of Memory and Destiny</i> at United Church	November 12, 2023
- Sibelius: <i>Impromptu for Strings</i>	
- Weiner: Serenade for Small Orchestra	
- Verdi: <i>La Forza del Destino</i>	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Con Brio</i> at United Church on the Green	October 8, 2023
- Nicolai: Merry Wives of Windsor Overture	
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Forgotten Romantics</i> at Whitney Humanities Center	April 30, 2023
- Dvorak: <i>Légends</i>	
- Rachmaninoff: Scherzo in d minor	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Storytelling Through Music</i> at Dwight Chapel	April 2, 2023
- Sibelius: <i>Rakastava</i> (The Lover), Op. 14	
<i>Gypsy</i> at the Off-Broadway Theatre	March 2 - 4, 2023
Yale Schwarzman Center: <i>2x2</i> at the Schwarzman Center Dome	December 1 & 3, 2022
- Pergolesi: Stabat Mater (for choir and orchestra)	
- Howells: A Spotless Rose	
- Elgar: Death On The Hills (choral)	
- Thompson: Choose Something Like A Star (choral)	
- Sibelius: Impromptu for Strings	
- Schoenberg: Notturmo for Harp and Strings	
Berkeley College Orchestra: <i>Scenes of Nature</i> at Berkeley College	November 5, 2022
- Elgar: Chanson de Nuit	
- Elgar: Chanson de Matin	

INSTRUMENTAL / VOCAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

<i>Guys and Dolls</i> at Ogunquit Playhouse (upcoming)	Associate Music Director	June 2 - July 19, 2025
<i>john & jen</i> (dir. Alastair Rao)	Music Supervisor/Piano	April 3 - 5, 2025
<i>Pippin</i> (dir. Clara Yuste-Golob)	Music Supervisor/Piano	February 8 - 10, 2025
<i>Yale Shen Curriculum Fridays@Five Masterclass</i> Joel Fram Victoria Clark Alex Lacamoire Merri Sugarman Andrea Burns	Collaborative Piano	October 25, 2024 October 4, 2024 March 1, 2024 September 22, 2023 December 2, 2022
<i>The Great Comet of 1812</i> (dir. Annette Jolles)	Music Director/Piano	December 8 - 10, 2023
Yale Schola Cantorum: 2022-2023 Season <i>Founded in 2003 by Simon Carrington, the Yale Schola Cantorum, under the direction of principal conductor David Hill, is an internationally renowned chamber choir that performs regularly in concert. Guest conductors include Craig Hella Johnson and Masaaki Suzuki.</i>	Alto	August 2022 - May 2023
<i>Violet</i> (dir. Claire Donnellan)	Music Director/Piano Conductor	December 7 - 9, 2022
Songs From the Uproar by Missy Mazzoli <i>Conducted by Gloria Yin</i>	Ensemble	January 23, 2022

MUSIC AWARDS

Joseph Lentilhon Selden Memorial Award <i>Named for Joseph Lentilhon Seldon, B.A. 1949, the Joseph Lentilhon Selden Memorial Award honors juniors selected by the Council of Masters "whose verve, idealism and constructive interest in music and the humanities exemplify those qualities for which Joseph Lentilhon Seldon is remembered." In recent years the award has gone to students who are especially notable for their contribution to the field of music.</i>		May 2024
Presidential Volunteer Service Award <i>Awarded for 150+ hours of annual community service, specifically founding national 501(c)3 nonprofit Love Through Music, which shares music with meaning to underserved communities, leading two mission trips to Kathmandu, Nepal to support music education, performing over 75 concerts, and managing 9 national branches with 500 student members.</i>	Gold	July 2021, 2022, 2023
Houston International Music Competition Senior Division	Grand Prize	May 2021
Steinway Junior Piano Competition Southern California Division	First Prize	June 2020

Southwestern Youth Music Festival Solo Category
Golden Note Youth International Music Festival

First Prize June 2020
Grand Prize July 2019

SUMMER FESTIVALS

Aspen Music Festival (accepted but cancelled due to COVID-19)	Piano	Summer 2020
Curtis Summerfest	Piano	Summer 2019

Instructors: Peter Miyamoto, Amy Yang, Natalie Zhu

LIST OF POSITIONS HELD, WORKS PERFORMED / PREPARED

Yale Symphony Orchestra (YSO), Assistant Conductor

August 2024 - present

Yale University's primary orchestra on campus at the undergraduate level with over 100 musicians. Performs in Yale's Woolsey hall and tours internationally and domestically. The present Music Director is William Boughton.

The assistant conductor of the YSO understudies all YSO programs, conducts and selects music for Halloween Concert in conjunction with the Director & Producers of the Show, conducting some of the Undergraduate Composition Workshops, and conducts certain pieces on the program at the discretion of the music director.

Works Performed (in alphabetical order):

- Bailo: Preludio (New Composer Reading)
- Bricca: Active Galactic Nuclei (New Composer Reading)
- Copland: Fanfare for the Common Man
- O'Malley: *HuoShen* (New Composer Reading)
- Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances
- Theofanidis: *Rainbow Serpent*

Works Prepared/Studied:

- Bernard Rands: *Symphony Fantasia* in one movement
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 9
- Brahms: Symphony No. 4
- Copland: *Billy the Kid* Suite
- Duke Ellington: River Suite
- Elgar: Cello Concerto
- Holst: *The Planets*
- Korngold: *Sea Hawk* Overture
- Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat for Violin and Viola
- Marsalis: Violin Concerto (soloist: Tai Murray)
- Respighi: Pini di Roma (Pines of Rome)
- Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5
- Strauss: *Don Juan*, Op. 20
- Stravinsky: *Rite of Spring*

Berkeley College Orchestra, Head Conductor / Music Director
Berkeley College Orchestra, Assistant Conductor

May 2023 - present
October 2022 - April 2023

The Berkeley College Orchestra (BCO) is Yale University's oldest student-run orchestra, composed of 65 musicians: undergraduates from all 14 residential colleges, graduate and professional students, faculty, and staff. The orchestra performs four concerts annually.

The Music Director selects all repertoire for the season, runs weekly rehearsals, holds all auditions, and oversees all operations of the orchestra alongside the co-presidents and entire board.

Works Performed (in alphabetical order):

- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in c minor
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major
- Borodin: Prince Igor Overture
- Dvorak: *Légends*
- Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 "New World"
- Elgar: Chanson de Matin et Chanson de Nuit
- Gade: *Echoes of Ossian* Overture
- Goldmark: *Sakuntala* Overture
- Gounod: *Faust* Ballet Suite (with Yale Ballet Company)
- Kalinnikov: Symphony No. 1 in g minor
- Nicolai: Merry Wives of Windsor Overture
- Rachmaninoff: Scherzo in d minor
- Schubert: "Unfinished" Symphony No. 8
- Schubert: *Rosamunde* Overture
- Sibelius: *Impromptu for Strings*
- Sibelius: *Rakastava*
- Smyth: *Wreckers* Overture
- Tchaikovsky: *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture
- Tchaikovsky: *Marche Slave*
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5
- Tcherpnin: Prélude to *La Princesse Lointaine*
- Verdi: *La Forza del Destino*
- Weiner: Serenade for Small Orchestra

Works Prepared / Studied:

- Holst *Brook Green* Suite
- Mozart: Symphony No. 40
- Mendelssohn: *Hebrides* Overture
- Beethoven: *Coriolan* Overture
- Bruch: Concerto for Clarinet and Viola
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 1 (Movement 1, 2)
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 (Movement 1)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Love Through Music, 501(c)3, **Founder and Director of Operations** January 2018 - present
- Manage operations, fundraising events, and budget across national branches
 - Led the expansion of the nonprofit to 500+ members and 9 national branches
 - Started a charity concert series at local veterans hospitals and retirement homes (personally hosted 35 concerts)
 - Led two mission trips to Kathmandu, Nepal to donate school supplies and musical instruments to orphans at the *Shree Narayan Secondary School*
- Self-Employed, **Private Tutor** September 2018 - present
- Tutored over 150+ students in various subjects, specializing in mathematics, SAT, and college consulting
- Yale Philosophy Department, **Grader** September 2024 - present
- Grader for PHIL 267/567: Mathematical Logic
- Yale Investments Office, **Investment Analyst Intern** June 2023 - present
- Constructed an robust fee model for illiquid investments
 - Conducted research and met with investment managers in both public/private equity markets
 - Optimized a model to analyze allocation dynamics in the reinsurance industry
- D.E. Shaw & Co., **Portfolio Strategy Intern** June 2024 - August 2024
- Worked on ESG products and carbon emission models on the D.E. Shaw Investment Management team
- Yale Mathematics Department, **Undergraduate Learning Assistant** October 2022 - May 2023
- Worked 1-on-1 and hosted office hours for students in MATH 246 (Ordinary Differential Equations)