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GEORGE GERSHWIN

(1898 - 1937)

Rhapsody in Blue

Kai Kobori-Huang, piano

LOUISE FARRENC

(1804 - 1875)

Overture No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 23

PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(1840 - 1893)

Swan Lake Suite, Op. 20a

I. Scène (No. 10 from Act II)

III. Danse des cygnes (No. 13, Var. 4 from Act II)

VI. Finale (from Act IV)

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Tanatchaya Chanphanitpornkit, Conductor

Tanatchaya (Tanya) Chanphanitpornkit, known for her joy, is a double bassist and conductor from Trat, Thailand focused on inspiring and educating young musicians. Chanphanitpornkit received her education from the Eastman School of Music where she served as the President of the ESM Students' Association. Her contributions to the community earned her the Susan B. Anthony Women's Leadership Award and Linda Muise Student Life Award for outstanding dedication, enthusiasm, and collaboration to promote and maintain a strong quality of life for all.

She continued her education at Teachers College, Columbia University, where the emphasis of her Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees was on social justice through orchestral pedagogy and her pedagogy was highlighted in an exhibit for the Smith Learning Theater. Chanphanitpornkit is continuing her studies as a doctoral candidate at Teachers College studying first-generation college students in music conservatory.

Chanphanitpornkit currently teaches at Nyack Public Schools. She is the Music Director of New York Youth Symphony's Crescendo Orchestra and conductor of Manhattan School of Music Precollege Symphony Orchestra. Her higher education positions include Teachers College, Columbia University, William Paterson University, and The College of New Jersey. She is a co-founder of the nonprofit Girls Who Conduct. These experiences ultimately led her to be published in the American String Teachers Journal.

Recently, she was awarded the Eastman Centennial Award, where in honor of its centennial year, Eastman created the Centennial Award to recognize 100 individuals who exemplify Eastman's mission and legacy through their commitment to artistry, scholarship, leadership, community engagement, and/or philanthropy. In 2022, she was awarded the Early Career Award by Teachers College, Columbia University. As she continues on her journey in music education alongside her students, she will always base her decisions and teachings on the belief that the symphony is for everyone.

Kai Kobori-Huang, piano

Kai Kobori-Huang is a fourteen-year-old pianist currently attending Tenafly Middle School in Tenafly, New Jersey. Kai began playing piano at the age of 4 and entered the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division at the age of 10, studying first under Philip Kawin (2019–21) and currently under Dr. Adam Kent.

Kai has participated and placed in numerous piano and chamber music competitions, with performances at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and the Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center. In 2023, he was awarded second place at the Camerata Artists International Competition.

An avid collaborative musician, Kai has participated in numerous chamber ensembles at MSM, the Thurnauer School of Music, and Tenafly Middle School. In 2023, his Tenafly piano quintet was selected into the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Young Ensembles Program and performed at Rose Studio at Lincoln Center. His Thurnauer piano trio was awarded the Gold Prize at the World Classical Music Awards and took first place at the New York International Music Concours. In 2024, he was selected to play piano for the New Jersey Association of Jazz Educators Region 1 Junior High Jazz Band.

In addition to piano, Kai is a bass clarinetist in the Tenafly Middle School band and a vibraphonist for the Tenafly High School marching band, which won state and national championships in 2023.

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