Welcome to NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY
The Marion Rubin Berman ’31 Piano Honors Concert

Ligeti Études

Bruce Brubaker, Curator of Piano Programming

Monday, April 24, 2023
7:30 p.m.,
NEC’s Jordan Hall
In celebration of the life of Marion Rubin Berman ’31 (known by her friends as “Mitzi”), her two children, Dr. Harris A. Berman and Phyllis E. Berman, and her daughter-in-law Ruth Nemzoff, have chosen to honor her memory by sponsoring NEC’s Honors Piano Competition and Concert.

Music, and piano in particular, was the driving force in Mitzi’s life. Although she married shortly after graduating from New England Conservatory at age 19, she continued her piano career by teaching – first in Lawrence, Massachusetts where, according to family legend, young Lenny Bernstein was a pupil in the synagogue children’s choir she led. In 1937, Mitzi and her husband, Frederick P. Berman, moved to Concord, New Hampshire, where she was reunited with her NEC friend Angela Annichiarico ’32. Together they played duo piano for community events for years – Broadway Musical shows, Concord Music Club concerts, and many community programs. They were both leading piano teachers in Concord for years.

Angela tragically died at a young age in a house fire, a terrible loss for Concord, her family and for Mitzi, who continued to be active in the musical life of Concord for over 65 years, inspiring young people and new generations of piano teachers. Although she died at the age of 92 in 2004, she would have been very proud to be honored here tonight at the school that shaped her career.

NEC is grateful for the generous support of Dr. Harris A. Berman, Ruth Nemzoff, and Phyllis E. Berman in sponsoring the Annual Piano Honors Competition and Concert.

The students performing this evening were chosen through the annual NEC Piano Honors Competition. The 2023 Marion Rubin Berman Honors Concert is devoted to the complete études for piano by György Ligeti, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Ligeti’s birth.
PROGRAM

György Ligeti
(1923–2006)

Études

Désordre
Tiffany Lin

Cordes à vide
Yandì Chen

Touches bloquées
Kyuree Kim

Fanfares
Ariel Mo

Arc-en-ciel
Kyuree Kim

Automne à Varsovie
Ranfei Wang

Galamb Borong
Zitong Wang

Fém
Qizhen Steven Wang

Vertige
Sunmin Kim
Der Zauberlehrling (The Sorcerer’s Apprentice)
Jing Pauline Pu

En Suspens
Ziyuan Eric Qu

Entrelacs
Zhiheng Guo

L’escalier du diable (The Devil’s Staircase)
Joe Zhou

“Coloana infinită” (“Infinite Column”)
Boyi Fa

White on White
Hongzhen Wang

Pour Irina
Sean Yu

À bout de souffle (Out of breath)
Huan Li

Canon
Kyuree Kim
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**JAZZ COMPOSERS’ WORKSHOP ORCHESTRA**, Frank Carlberg, director
*Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**NEC PHILHARMONIA & SYMPHONIC CHOIR**, Hugh Wolff, conductor
Brahms *Tragic Overture*; Gabriela Lena Frank *Conquest Requiem*;
Yeonjae Cho, soprano, Libang Wang, baritone; Lutoslawski *Concerto for Orchestra*
*Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall* (tickets required)

**SONATA NIGHT 46**, Pei-Shan Lee, director
Music for Piano Four Hands by Franz Schubert
*Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

**HONORS ENSEMBLE: ZEPHYR WOODWIND QUINTET**
Yechan Min, flute; Sojeong Kim, oboe; Hyunwoo Chun, clarinet; Andrew Brooks, bassoon; Yeonjo Oh, French horn
*Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**NEC CHAMBER SINGERS**, Erica J. Washburn, conductor
“Something Old: An Origin Story”
works by Aleotti, Byrd, des Prez, Dowland, Lotti, Morley, Ockeghem, Palestrina, Pearsall, Weelkes, de Wert
*Friday, April 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**LIEDERABEND LXVI**
*Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall*

**NEC CHAMBER SINGERS**, Erica J. Washburn, conductor
“Something New: The Line Between”
Improvisational electronic dance music, recycling selected Renaissance works from the 7:30 concert, guest artist, Andrew Lenox
*Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**FIRST MONDAY IN JORDAN HALL**, Laurence Lesser, artistic director
Kurtág *Hommage à Schumann*; Ligeti *Quartet No. 2*; Schumann *Quintet in E-flat Major*
*Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**TUESDAY NIGHT NEW MUSIC**
New music by NEC student composers, performed by their peers
*Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*
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**HONORS ENSEMBLE: QUARTET LUMINERA**
Masha Lakisova and Kristy Chen, violin; Njord Fossnes, viola; Davis You, cello
*Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**PRATT RESIDENCY CONCERT**
*Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

**CHAMBER MUSIC GALA**
*Friday, May 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**CMA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
*Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10:00 am -10:00 pm, Eben Jordan*

**ARTIST DIPLOMA RECITAL: Changyong Shin, piano**
Changyong Shin ‘24 AD studies with Wha Kyung Byun
*Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**HONORS ENSEMBLE 7**
Joshua Brown and Thompson Wang, violin; Cara Pogossian, viola; Claire Park, cello
*Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**FACULTY RECITAL: STEPHEN DRURY, piano**
*Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*

**HONORS ENSEMBLE 8**
Yun Janice Lu, piano; Yiliang Eric Jiang, violin; Jeffrey Ho, cello
*Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall*
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Andrew Brooks, *bassoon* (MM)
Student of Richard Svoboda
*Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Eben Jordan*

Aadam Ibrahim, *viola* (MM)
Student of Kim Kashkashian
*Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Keller Room*

Yuxin Liu, *soprano* (MM)
Student of Carole Haber
*Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Brown Hall*

Sepehr Davalloukhoungar, *collaborative piano* (GD ’24)
Student of Cameron Stowe
*Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Pierce Hall*

Ruoxi Peng, *soprano* (MM)
Student of MaryAnn McCormick
*Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Burnes Hall*

Audrey Daum, *soprano* (MM)
Student of MaryAnn McCormick
*Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Pierce Hall*

Boyi Fa, *piano* (DMA ’25)
Student of Bruce Brubaker
*Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Keller Room*

Pualina Lim Mei En, *collaborative piano* (MM)
Student of Pei-Shan Lee and Cameron Stowe
*Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Williams Hall*

Chiyang Chen, *double bass* (MM)
Student of Donald Palma
*Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Keller Room*

Caleb Montague, *jazz percussion* (BM)
Student of Nasheet Waits
*Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Eben Jordan*
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